





## The weather at major Swissair destinations

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	MIN.	MAX.	
AMSTERDAM	4	11	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	2	10	Cloudy
DUISBURG	18	24	Cloudy
CHICAGO	-4	21	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	7	15	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	5	11	Cloudy
GENEVA	2	7	Cloudy
KIEL	-1	3	Clear
KOBE	19	25	Clear
LOS ANGELES	15	22	Clear
LONDON	8	16	Cloudy
MADRID	-1	10	Clear
MONTREAL	-7	1	Clear
NEW YORK	-1	3	Clear
OSLO	-1	3	Clear
PARIS	6	13	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	18	24	Clear
SAO PAULO	20	28	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	0	12	Cloudy
TOKYO	9	17	Clear
TORONTO	5	12	Cloudy
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ZURICH	9	16	Clear
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## THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Temperatures continuing cooler than usual for the season.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	58	2-8	11
Golan	58	0-9	11
Nahariya	67	-11	15
Safed	66	1-6	8
Haifa Port	47	5-13	16
Tiberias	66	5-16	17
Nazareth	58	3-11	12
Afula	43	3-15	16
Shomron	51	3-10	12
Tel Aviv	44	6-15	15
B-G Airport	57	3-13	15
Jericho	52	5-16	17
Gaza	50	8-16	17
Beersheba	51	3-14	16
Eilat	36	10-17	18

## SHARON

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ters liked to have pliant ministers of industry and trade. That gave the overall economic directorate clear priority over the department handling the productive sector.

Sharon likes to give orders, not take them, especially not from a soft-spoken, cultured, and courteous figure like Nissim.

Sharon is pushing the demands of the exporters for devaluation, more generous export funds, and exchange rate insurance, but he has been unable to budge Nissim, and it needles him. His strategy, when blocked in a frontal assault, is to outflank his adversary, but there is no way he can outflank Nissim, and he can expect no help from Prime Minister Shamir. Hence his angry frustration.

Moreover, Sharon was incensed with Nissim earlier in the year, when the finance minister refused to approve additional budgets to pay the salaries of price control inspectors. The fact that more of those inspectors were appointed on the basis of "jobs for Sharon's boys" only made the Treasury's refusal more cutting.

Another constant source of friction between Nissim and Sharon is the dispute over the appointment of directors to the boards of state-owned corporations.

In short, Sharon often finds Nissim standing in his way, and he doesn't like it.

To his misfortune, Sharon cannot actually accuse Nissim of being less "patriotic" or less devoted to the cause of Greater Israel. Nissim, if anything, is in heart and mind more hawkish than Sharon. After all, when Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat graded Sharon's devotion to Judea and Samaria on a scale, he said that Sharon would be ready to give away a bigger slice of Eretz Yisrael than any of his Likud colleagues.

Sharon has a long-term purpose in smearing Nissim today, and in delegitimizing him as "not representing the Likud."

The attack is part of a contingency plan which Sharon is putting into operation, just in case.

Sharon knows that about four years from now Shamir will stand aside, and someone will have to take over the reins.

The Shamir camp in Herut is said to be grooming Likud MK Moshe Arens for that role, as a potential prime minister. The struggle for the top rung in the Herut ladder would thus be between Sharon, Arens, and Housing Minister David Levy.

Sharon, who plans his strategy years ahead, knows that Arens's climb to the top could be hindered by those in Herut who say he is not a charismatic vote-getter. He learns from the public opinion polls, like everyone else, that the best vote-getter in the Likud could well be Nissim, and that some Likud power-brokers might seek to put Nissim's name forward as a compromise candidate whose ideological credentials are not in doubt.

Nissim would be promoted as a chairman-figure, whose presence would keep Sharon and Levy from tearing the party apart. Hence, in Sharon's view, it is not too early to begin blackening Nissim's name.

The fact that the Liberal wing of the Likud is suffering from a sickness which could be terminal makes Sharon's attack on Nissim very easy. The fact that Sharon intimidates all his Herut colleagues from the top down, will embolden him to prey on others who stand in his way on the road to the premiership.

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## A professor testifies once again

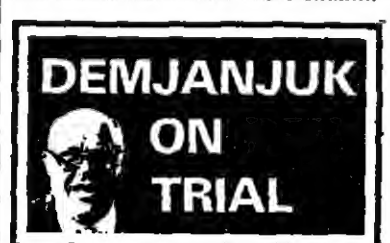
By ERNIE MEYER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

When, at a recent congress, anthropologist Yasser Mehmed Iscan told his colleague, Donald J. Ortner, that he was going to testify at the Demjanjuk trial, Ortner disclosed that he too had a connection with the trial. About a year ago his friend, Hebrew University anthropology Professor Patricia Smith, who was preparing to testify for the prosecution, had consulted him about the approach she was taking in her research.

Iscan last week completed his testimony for the defence. Yesterday, Smith, who gave evidence for the prosecution in May, was in the witness stand again - this time to answer questions from the defence.

Smith had originally approached Prof. Angel, another eminent anthropologist. But when Angel died, she turned to her friend, Dr. Ortner, asking him to retrieve and look over the material she had sent to Angel. That is how Ortner came to express his opinion about Smith's work. And while he was at it, he also consulted an unnamed photo identification expert working for the FBI.

Ortner subsequently sent his opinion and that of the FBI to Smith. During her direct testimony, Smith had not mentioned the two documents. The defence did not ask about them while cross-examin-



DEMJEANJUK ON TRIAL

ing her, because it did not know of their existence. But now Iscan, by the purest chance, had made defence lawyers Yoram Sheftel and Paul Chumak aware of them. The two promptly asked the court to subpoena Smith to testify on the two documents on their behalf.

And that is what took place yesterday.

The defence saw the documents as a great boon to its case, because it viewed them as casting severe doubt on the validity of Smith's work.

Smith had sent copies of nine photographs for evaluation. One was the picture attached to the Trawniki identity card, which the defence claims is not that of its client. The other eight, dating from 1941 to 1960, are acknowledged photos of Demjanjuk.

Ortner wrote to Smith last January:

"In my opinion the continuity of anatomical features between all the photographs supports the possibility that the individual portrayed in photograph 1-4269/86 (the Trawniki photo) and the individual portrayed in the other photographs is the same person. The evidence, however, is not conclusive. I requested an independent opinion on the interpretation of the photographs by the staff of the Special Photographic Unit at the FBI Laboratory in Washington D.C. and they also agree that the evidence is not conclusive. A copy of that report is attached."

"The research on these photographs that was done by Dr. Patricia Smith seems to be carefully considered and appropriate to the issue of this case. The major scientific problem that remains is to establish reasonable probabilities for the existence of anatomical similarities between different people."

The opinion by the FBI laboratory is even briefer. It bears no signature.

"A number of similarities were noted when intercomparing those photographs, however, the individual identifying characteristics necessary for a positive identification were not observed in the submitted specimens."

"As a result, no conclusion can be reached as to whether JOHN DEMJEANJUK is or is not the person depicted in the questioned photographs. However, DEMJEANJUK cannot be eliminated as a suspect inasmuch as no differences were noted during the examination."

Defence counsel Chumak conducted the questioning of Smith.

Chumak told the court: "I want this witness declared an adversary witness."

Said prosecutor Michael Shaked: "Now, at least, I understand the direction the defence is taking, although I don't think all this justifies recalling Smith to the stand."

Chumak asked Smith why she had told no one, not even Shaked, about the Ortner and FBI reports. She replied that she considered them "private and not relevant."

"Both reports refer to a very preliminary stage of my investigations."

Smith also explained that the material she had sent to the U.S. consisted only of copies of small snapshots and a trial video film shot in

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A Border Policeman questions a young Arab who was in the vicinity of Damascus Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem yesterday, where postal worker Arye Klein was lightly wounded in a stabbing. (Rahamim Israel)

## MKs may no longer enjoy privilege of the preliminary hearing procedure

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Post Knesset Correspondent

The days of the preliminary hearing procedure (*shimu'a*), which can spare potential defendants the trauma of a trial, may well be numbered, at least under the procedure's present controversial rules.

This emerged in the Knesset subcommittee for criminal investigation procedures, when an aide of Attorney-General Yosef Harish said that Harish was currently studying the entire procedure, including the regulations governing who may request a preliminary hearing procedure

and under what conditions.

*Shimu'a* takes place following a police investigation but before charges are filed. It is available, with the attorney-general's approval, to politicians, public figures and others whose lawyers claim that their entire careers could be adversely affected in situations where their conviction in court is far from certain.

Harish's aide, Gloria Weisman, was under attack from Yitzhak Artzi (Alignment) who charged that *shimu'a* exists for "a closed club of bigwigs" who are favoured over the ordinary Israeli. Artzi said that Har-

ish should establish new criteria, making all suspects equal before the law.

The existing criteria, which are honoured more in the breach than in the observance, were determined in 1970.

Representatives of the Israel Bar said at yesterday's meeting that *shimu'a* perpetuates inequality before the law.

Shinui MK Amnon Rubinstein, a former dean of the Tel Aviv University law faculty, said *shimu'a* was not reprehensible in itself, provided it was not limited to VIPs.

## New envoys to be chosen soon for London, Bonn, other posts

By MENACHEM SHALEV

The Foreign Ministry's top appointments committee is scheduled to convene today to consider candidates for some top foreign service posts, including the ambassadors to London and Bonn.

Sources in the Prime Minister's Office said yesterday that the prime minister expects to be consulted about the appointments.

The appointment of heads of delegations abroad must be approved by a four-man ministerial committee comprising two ministers from each of the two big parties, and then by

the full cabinet. Shamir could block the appointments should he choose to open another election-year front against Foreign Minister Peres.

Candidates for the post in London include the assistant director-general for North American affairs, Yoav Biran, the ministry's inspector-general, Benny Navon, and the head of the ministry's research department, Arieh Levin. Levin and Navon are also being considered as candidates for the Bonn posting, along with the current ambassador to Bucharest, Yosef Govrin.

Shamir and Peres will have to

agree on the candidate for the UN ambassadorship, and their talks over this position might include a Shamir request to appoint his media adviser, Avi Pazner, to Paris, should the current ambassador there, Ovadia Sofer, decide against an extension of his stay.

Peres's bureau chief, Uri Savir, is considered to be the leading candidate for the post of consul-general in New York, where he once served. Another candidate for the New York post is the assistant director-general for information, Colette Avital.

## NABLUS TRIALS

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up even further yesterday, as 70 defendants were brought before military tribunals here. Twenty-three were brought to trial on Sunday.

The majority of the defendants yesterday pleaded guilty to charges of throwing stones and disturbing the peace, and were sentenced to prison terms of up to six months, in addition to fines of NIS 500-1000 each.

Most were also sentenced to probationary periods of several years.

In order to facilitate the trials, the defendants, ranging in age from 17 to 30, were transported in IDF jeeps from the Ansar 2 detention camp on the Gaza coast, to the central Gaza City courthouse, then returned to the camp immediately after their hearings.

Local defence attorneys continued their week-long boycott of the military trials yesterday, stating that the speed with which they were being conducted made it impossible to prepare adequate defences.

The attorneys also contended that there had been coercion to persuade defendants to plead guilty, and that the courts had refused to officially record what the attorneys called "marks of beatings inflicted by IDF soldiers both during the demonstrations and at Ansar 2."

IDF judicial officials have rejected the attorneys' charges, saying that current trial procedure conforms to standards of military legal practice. The accelerated trials are

actually in the defendants' interest, the officials added, stating that detainees would otherwise have to remain in detention for long periods.

The pace of the trials is expected to be accelerated even more later this week, with the addition of a third military court here.

Meanwhile, the curfew imposed last week on the Jebelaya refugee camp was lifted before dawn yesterday, allowing the estimated 12,000 camp residents employed in Israel to travel to their jobs.

"This is the first time I have been able to go to work in three weeks," said 31-year-old Mohammed Haloul of Jebelaya, as he returned from work yesterday afternoon.

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soldiers who responded to fire-bombing by shooting had been justified. If they had they done so in every case, the number of Arab casualties would have been much higher.

However, the troops had been ordered to hold their fire, much to their "frustration." The IDF insisted on restraint so as not to fuel future riots, Shomron said.

Some soldiers nevertheless opened fire without justification, he admitted. In cases where the commanders honestly felt their troops' lives were in danger, they would not be punished. Other instances would be investigated by the Military Police.

## BITTER NISSIM

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one of them should oppose it.

"Instead of working shoulder to shoulder we have faction against faction inside the cabinet," he said.

Nissim said the surtax would not bring in large sums of money, since top income earners would register as companies, which are subject to maximum income tax rate of 45 per cent, instead of paying a 48 per cent personal tax rate. He added that he had promised to scrap the surtax after one year, and that the government's credibility was very important.

Nissim claimed that ministers' demands for additions to the budget had reached the sum of NIS 1.5 billion. He did not conceal his opinion that this was connected with the approaching elections. But he said the public wanted a firm economic policy.

"In the next general election the public will punish those who act irresponsibly," he said.

## 'GSS is now sticking close to all the rules'

By ASHER WALLFISH

Prime Minister Shamir said yesterday that the Shin Bet (General Security Service) is already operating according to the recommendations of the Landau commission of inquiry, which was set up following the Itzhar Nafsu perjury affair.

Shamir told the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee that the Shin Bet identifies with the letter and the spirit of the Landau recommendations on rules and procedures for interrogating terror suspects and for giving court testimony on such interrogations.

"The Shin Bet regards those recommendations as an important tool to help it direct its operations," Shamir said. "Those recommendations went into depth, while making maximum allowance for the needs of security on one hand and the dictates of law and justice on the other."

Shamir said the Nafsu affair and the Landau inquiry did not weaken the Shin Bet. "It was under assault, and it underwent a major public test, but it functions effectively and adequately," he said.

The inquiry was ordered after the Supreme Court heard an appeal lodged by Nafsu, a Circassian IDF officer, following his conviction on security charges. The court found that Shin Bet operatives had perjured themselves over the details of his interrogation.

Shamir said the Landau commission recommendations guided the government in its supervision of the work of the Shin Bet.

In the discussion, however, Meir Harish (Alignment), the deputy chairman of the subcommittee on the security services, pointed out that the Landau recommendations said nothing about the need for an outside controlling body for the Shin Bet.

Harish said the prime minister, who is responsible for the Shin Bet, can supervise it to the degree that he devotes the necessary time and can rely on the absolute veracity of his informant, be it the head of the Shin Bet or one of his assistants.

Shamir conceded, in response to this, that the problem of supervision over the Shin Bet is "extremely complicated and that there are differing views on how control should be exercised."

Benny Shalita (Likud) said: "When an Arab terror suspect is under interrogation, every last drop of information has to be squeezed out of him, as though he were a lemon."

Rabbi Haim Druckman (National Religious Party) said: "When it comes to Arab suspects, the Shin Bet must have a completely free hand. Better to give a killer one more slap in the face than to risk the lives of many innocent civilians."

Druckman shouted at Elazar Granot (Mapam) who had asked Granot how he, as a former underground fighter, would behave if he were a Palestinian. "How do you have the gall to compare a rioter in Gaza with a leader of the pre-state underground?" Druckman said.

## LATIN PATRIARCH

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Lippel noted that following the first Latin patriarch who served in Jerusalem at the time of the Crusaders there was no Latin patriarch here at all between the 12th and 19th centuries. The post was restored in the 1850s, but the appointees were never of Arab nationality, he noted.

The announcement of the appointment comes a week after the pope called for peace in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, in response to the December unrest that has killed 22 Palestinians and wounded nearly 200.

Speaking to pilgrims in St Peter's Square on December 20, the pontiff said the land where Jesus was born "cannot continue being a theatre of violence, of confrontation, and of injustice."

But Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the appointment of Sabbah was not connected with the unrest. "There is absolutely no direct or indirect connection with the situation in that area at the moment," he told Reuters. "The previous patriarch announced his intention to retire in 1986. These things

take a lot of time and a replacement nomination has only now been made public," he added.

He said the appointment reflected a "demographic reality," and said it was normal for the church to appoint a local person to an important pastoral position among his own countrymen.

Navarro said 85 per cent of the Latin Patriarchate's 65,000 followers in the Jerusalem diocese were of Arab origin, and 65 out of its 35 priests were also Arabs.

He said Sabbah, as current president of Bethlehem University, was a public figure in the region and had maintained close links with the Israeli authorities.

The unresolved Palestinian question and the status of Jerusalem are major obstacles to the establishment of full diplomatic relations between Israel and the Vatican. Sabbah, who speaks Italian, French, English and Hebrew as well as Arabic, was ordained a priest in 1955.

He has served as a director-general of the Jerusalem Patriarchate's school system. He reportedly spends much of his time now in Amman, taking care of church and university affairs there.

## KOOR

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payments, itself worth about 10 per cent of salary, could trigger stiff resistance within the Histadrut-controlled company.

A Koor spokeswoman would say only that negotiations are continuing and that workers' representatives have been asked to agree to a 10 per cent cut in the cost of labour, which doesn't necessarily amount to 10 per cent of wages. The spokeswoman also warned against undue speculation about the negotiation process.

Arieh Firota, a member of the central works committee, said that he wasn't aware of the proposal to concede the sabbatical fund payments, but that many different packages were on the table.

The negotiations are part of a major cost-cutting effort by Koor that includes layoffs, plant closures and consolidation of operations.

Koor, like other exporters, has been hurt by the frozen dollar-shekel rate as well as by sharply curtailed orders by the IDF for military hardware.

Sources close to Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar told The Post yesterday that Kessar was aware of the suggested measure, but had not expressed any opinion on it. Kessar would wait until a formal proposal was made and the firm's works committee could react to it. As secretary-general, Kessar is formally the head of Hevrat Ha'ovdim, the labour federation's holding company, which controls Koor.

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# Siege of Khost goes on in biggest battle of Afghan war

ISLAMABAD (AFP) - Fierce fighting was continuing Monday along the mountain road between Gardez and Khost, the besieged garrison town in Afghanistan that is the focus of the biggest battle in the eight-year Afghan conflict, rebel and diplomatic sources said.

The sources said Khost, a city of 40,000 that has been under siege since August 1979, remained surrounded by Afghan guerrillas who still controlled several high valleys. "Fighting is still going on, as the Mujahadeen still hold some valleys in the mountains half-way between Gardez and Khost and the Soviet and Afghan forces control others," an Asian diplomat here said.

The diplomat, a specialist in Afghan affairs, said that the 120-kilometer road between the two cities had not reopened - as the official Kabul Radio has claimed. "Pitched fighting is now taking place in the mountains," he said. A combined force of Soviet and Afghan units are fighting to relieve Khost - which has survived on airlifts since it came under siege - in the biggest battle since Soviet troops intervened in the country eight years ago.

The diplomat, who requested anonymity, said pro-government forces - including armored columns

and airborne soldiers - numbered 22,000 Afghan troops and 18,000 Soviet soldiers. Mujahadeen forces stood at about 10,000 men, he said.

Several hundred Soviet soldiers had died since the campaign began on December 19 and guerrilla losses were "roughly the same," he said. Radio Kabul on Sunday said the siege had been broken and the Gardez-Khost road was reopened to "normal traffic."

Soon afterwards, the Soviet news agency Tass quoted a senior Afghan defence official as saying the pro-government forces were nine kilometers away from Khost. The official Afghan news agency Bakhtar, monitored in Islamabad, made no reference to Khost on Monday morning.

Observers say the battle for Khost weighs heavy on talks on ending the Afghan war. The Soviet Union has intervened massively at the request of its allies in Kabul to prevent the frontier province of Pakia from falling into rebel hands.

The campaign is a departure from the military strategy employed for most of 1987 by Moscow, which concentrated on holding on to government positions and defending lines of communications to avert casualties.

## Philippine ferry disaster examined in two probes

MANILA (AP) - Senators called yesterday for strict enforcement of maritime safety rules as the Philippine Coast Guard and Congress began separate inquiries into last week's sea collision believed to have killed more than 1,600 people.

Scores of relatives of the victims and dozens of journalists packed a small conference room as the five-member Board of Marine Inquiry tried to determine what caused the collision of the 2,215-ton passenger ship Dona Paz and the 629-ton tanker Victor.

The two ships exploded in flames and sank immediately after they collided on Dec. 20 in the Tablas Strait off Mindoro island, 176 km. south-east of Manila. Only 26 people were rescued, including 24 Dona Paz passengers and two crewmen of the

tanker. Authorities said they have failed to locate the two crewmen since the survivors were brought to Manila last Monday.

"We assure you that we will try our best for an expeditious resolution of this case considering the magnitude of the tragedy," Commodore Carlito Cunanan said in opening the board's inquiry. But the initial two-hour session failed to produce any new information and was limited to an introduction of the Dona Paz's incomplete manifest and ownership and registration documents.

Capt. Dario Fajardo, chairman of the board and deputy Coast Guard commander, said he will subpoena officials of Victor Shipping Corp., the reported owner of the tanker.

Families of the victims of the December 20 ferry-tanker collision try to identify their relatives among the 37 corpses in wooden coffins at the Rizal stadium in Manila. Twenty-six survived but more than 1,500 were believed to have died in the disaster. Coast guard officials said 133 bodies have been recovered. (AFP)



## Analysts say future dim for Central American peace plan

MEXICO CITY (Reuters) - Prospects for Central American peace seem no better after a Christmas truce in Nicaragua and more fighting in El Salvador.

Under a peace plan signed by five regional presidents on August 7, 1987, the guns were to be silenced in the new year and foundations for democracy laid. The five presidents - from Nicaragua, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Honduras and Guatemala - are due to meet again in San Jose on January 15 to assess their progress and assert again that the plan is the region's best hope for ending the wars. The plan was drafted by Costa Rican President Oscar Arias, who

won the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts.

But political analysts say that its only achievements so far have been to make continued U.S. aid to the Contra rebels less tenable and to keep Central American leaders talking to each other.

"Instead of peace with honour, what we are seeing here is honour without peace. In typical Central American fashion, everyone is more concerned with his honour," a Latin American diplomat in Tegucigalpa said.

Of the five countries that signed the agreement, Costa Rica is the only solid democracy.



Vocal protest outside the Soviet Embassy in The Hague on Sunday, as Afghan refugees show their feelings on the eighth anniversary of the Soviet invasion of their country. (AFP)

## Presidents of Kenya and Uganda take steps to ease border tension

NAIROBI (AP) - Kenya and Uganda agreed yesterday to reduce security forces at their border, a move expected to ease the tension which two weeks ago led to shooting between the East African neighbors.

The agreement came after a two-hour meeting between President Daniel Arap Moi of Kenya and Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni. They met at the Kenyan border town of Malaba, 32 km. northeast of Busia, where Kenyan and Ugandan security forces exchanged fire on Dec. 14.

Government-owned Radio Uganda announced the withdrawal agreement. "Only a few police and army personnel will remain," the radio said. It also said Kenya and Uganda had agreed to reopen their borders to all pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Neither side ever announced a border closure, but Uganda claimed that as late as Sunday that Kenya was barring Ugandans and Ugandan-registered vehicles from entering.

The four-day exchange of gunfire between Kenyan paramilitary security police and Ugandan soldiers was the most serious flare-up in a year-long diplomatic row between the two countries. Each side accused the other of starting the trouble.

Uganda said three of its soldiers were killed in the conflict. Kenya admitted no losses on its side, but claimed to have killed 26 Ugandans.

The day the shooting stopped on Dec. 18, Kenya recalled its two top diplomats from Kampala, ordered Uganda's two top diplomats to leave the country and closed Kenya's embassy in Kampala. Over the past year, Kenya has accused Uganda of spying and of plotting with Libya to try to destabilize Moi's Western-leaning, capitalist government.

Uganda has denied Kenya's charges. In turn, Museveni's government has accused Kenya of harbouring Ugandan rebels and of closing its borders in a move to wreck landlocked Uganda's effort to revive its economy after years of civil strife.

As a result of the border conflict, Uganda has suffered a severe fuel crisis, Museveni said.

Most of Uganda's fuel is trucked in from Kenya's Indian Ocean port of Mombasa. But Museveni's government claims that since the fighting started, Kenya has not allowed trucks and vehicles travelling to Uganda to cross the border, though traffic to states like Rwanda, Burundi and Sudan resumed last Tuesday.

Kenya has said offers of mediation from the Organization of African Unity and Tanzanian President Ali Hassan Mwinyi were unnecessary.

Moi and Museveni last held face-to-face talks in June 1986 when Museveni made a one-day state visit to Kenya.

## Sri Lanka police deny killings were deliberate

COLOMBO (Reuters) - Police yesterday denied charges that they deliberately killed civilians in a violence-filled weekend in the east of the island which left 30 people dead.

According to an Indian high commission (embassy) official, on Sunday, police, enraged by the gunning down of a colleague in the Batticaloa Market Square by Tamil guerrillas, rushed to the town, killed 12 civilians and set fire to a row of shops.

A Roman Catholic priest in the town said: "They dragged people out of shops and shot them in the market square." But a police spokesman in Colombo denied the charges, saying most of the civilians died in crossfire. He said his information was based on a report received from the Batticaloa police.

Residents of the town said the death toll rose to 30 with the discovery of more bodies yesterday morning.

After a curfew ended yesterday morning, crowds filled the streets. Though life returned to normal in the town, smoke rising from rows of burnt shops was a grim reminder of the disaster, one resident said.

A local journalist said he saw at least 20 shops, motorcycles and bicycles destroyed by fire. "There was blood all over the place. It was carnage," the journalist, who declined to be identified, said.

## Iranian refugees in Belgrade threaten suicide

BELGRADE (Reuters) - Eight Iranian refugees camping for a third day at Belgrade airport threatened mass suicide on Monday out of fear that Yugoslav authorities might send them back to the Middle East.

"We have been sleeping here on the floor for two nights, with no food, and we are afraid they will put us on the plane for Dubai this evening," a spokesman for the group told Reuters.

The group - four men, three

women and a four-year-old boy - arrived from Dubai on Saturday with the intention of seeking political asylum in Canada. They were barred from boarding a plane for Toronto because they had false Canadian visas, they said.

"I have a feeling the Yugoslavs are not taking us seriously, but if they try to send us back we will rather commit suicide here than face the Ayatollah's firing squad," a man who asked not to be identified said.

"From Dubai they will send us to Tehran and we are sure they will kill us in Iran," a spokesman for the group said earlier.

The eight Iranians, waiting at Belgrade airport's sealed-off transit area, told a Reuters correspondent who managed to slip in that they were not "economic emigrants". "We do not want to go to the West so we can live easily and be rich. We just want to be free," one Iranian said.

day Christmas truce and the Contras said heavy combat resumed on Saturday.

Obando y Bravo is trying to arrange fresh talks but must still overcome conflicting demands - the Sandinistas refuse to meet face-to-face with the rebels and the Contras say it is face-to-face or nothing.

In El Salvador, where the eight-year-old guerrilla war has killed more than 60,000 people and driven hundreds of thousands from their homes, the two sides did not trust each other enough to announce a Christmas truce.

They did preserve ammunition over the Christmas period but were back at it on Saturday, when leftist

rebels launched a three-hour attack on government forces in Suchitoto.

There is no major guerrilla war in Honduras, but as a U.S. ally, it plays a key role in the Nicaraguan conflict. Most of the Contras are based in Honduras, although the rebels nor Tegucigalpa acknowledge it. Looming even higher on the list of potential stumbling blocks is President Reagan's vow to seek \$270 million in military aid for the Contras even though he is not given much of a chance of swaying a Congress weary of his crusade.

Central Americans from all walks of life believe that if the Contras' Washington lifeline is not severed, the war could drag on for years.

## Red Army general who defected dies at age 88 in Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) - Alexander G. Barmine, a brigadier-general in the Soviet Red Army when he defected in 1937 to later become a private in the U.S. Army, has died at age 88, family members said yesterday.

As a naturalized American, Barmine had a long career in journalism and government. In 1945, he wrote a book, *One Who Survived*, about his experiences in the Soviet military and diplomatic services. It was translated into 23 languages.

He defected during Stalin's purges of his general staff. Barmine had been associated with Marshal Mikhail Tukhachevsky, who was executed. Barmine had a master's degree in the Persian language and was consul-general in Resht, Iran, and charge d'affaires in Athens before he fled to the West, disobeying an order to return to Moscow, where he later was sentenced to death in absentia.

Barmine's daughter, Margot Hornblower, said he died on Christmas day from complications following a stroke. He had been living in a Washington suburb.

A native of Moghilev in Byelorussia, Barmine headed the Russian services of the Voice of America from 1948 to 1964 and was a senior adviser on Soviet affairs to the U.S. Information Agency until 1972.

He lived in France after his defection and came to the U.S. in 1940. He served in an anti-aircraft artillery unit of the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1943. A *New York Times* article about him at the time said that although his background was known to superiors, he did not disclose to fellow soldiers that he had been a Red Army general.

## Soviet editor fired after inventing data

MOSCOW (Reuters) - The foreign affairs editor of the Soviet weekly *Ogonyok* appears to have been dropped from the magazine's editorial board after he was accused of inventing data about reactions to Kremlin reforms.

Dmitry Biryukov was not listed as a board member on the masthead in the latest edition of the magazine, which went on sale on Saturday.

*Ogonyok*, a magazine in the forefront of the Kremlin *glasnost* campaign, said earlier this month that Biryukov might be sacked for inventing certain data published in a November issue.

Biryukov had written about an opinion poll in the Siberian city of Novosibirsk in which only 30 per cent of those questioned were said to have supported the Kremlin reform drive. He wrote that 50 per cent were neutral while 20 per cent opposed the reforms - an unusually

high percentage. Biryukov wrote that the poll was conducted by specialists of EKD, an economic monthly attached to the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

The article was an account of a trip around the Soviet Union which Biryukov took with American journalist Jeff Trimble of the weekly *U.S. News and World Report*.

*Ogonyok* reported on December 5 that no such survey had been carried out by EKD in Novosibirsk and that Biryukov had invented the data. *Ogonyok* has gained widespread popularity over the past two years for publishing outspoken articles on such matters as previously banned Russian writers and a new look at history.

Biryukov himself was not available for comment but some analysts believe he may have been accused by conservatives opposed to *Ogonyok*'s radical new style.

## Tunisia to restore ties severed with Libya

TUNIS (Reuters) - Tunisia and Libya have decided to restore diplomatic relations broken off over two years ago, the official news agency TAP said yesterday.

Tunisia severed ties with its neighbour in September 1985, after Libya expelled over 30,000 Tunisian workers. The government accused Tripoli of fomenting subversion in Tunisia.

Restoration of relations culminates a gradual process of rapprochement between Tripoli and Tunis over the last few months which has seen settlement of a series of bilateral disputes.

Among the disputes were the payment of indemnities to the expelled workers and reimbursement of Tunisian assets frozen in Libya.

Diplomats said resumption of relations paved the way for Libya to

join the Treaty of Fraternity and Concord which Algeria signed in 1983 with Tunisia and Mauritania.

The treaty amounts to a non-aggression pact under which each member state undertakes to refrain from interfering in the internal affairs of the others.

Foreign ministers from the three north African member states met in Algiers on December 20 to discuss the eventual widening of the treaty to include Libya.

The Algerians have said the treaty, considered the foundation of a Maghreb or north African union, is open to all Maghreb states including, eventually, Morocco.

Tentative steps were taken this month to normalize Algeria's relations with Morocco which have been soured for nearly 12 years by the western Sahara conflict.

## Dane invents condom for women

VEJLE, Denmark (AFP) - A Danish gynecologist, Erik Gregersen, has invented a condom for women, which he describes as being halfway between a diaphragm and the classic male condom.

The doctor, from the Saint Maria Hospital at Vejle, in Jutland, said the device had been "successfully" tried out by himself and his wife, a nurse, over a period of two years.

The condom, to be known as "femshields" in Britain and the U.S. where tests are in progress, resembles a small plastic bag with inner

and outer rings, which the woman places in her vagina prior to sex.

The inventor said the device could be used as a contraceptive as well as a safeguard against Aids and other sexually transmitted diseases.

If current tests are successful, the condom will be marketed within about six months, Gregersen said. He added that the World Health Organization had shown interest in the condom and was proposing to try it on prostitutes in Asia, South America and Africa.

### IN BRIEF

CHARLES MALIK, former Lebanese foreign minister and a one-time ambassador to Washington, died yesterday after a long illness, medical sources said. He was 81. Formerly a university professor of mathematics, physics and philosophy, Malik was foreign minister from 1956 to 1958. He was a Greek Orthodox Christian and had strong pro-Western views.

REWI ALLEY, a New Zealander who came to China in 1927 and stayed 60 years to help the Communist cause, died Sunday of a stroke in Peking, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. He was 90. Alley published 18 collections of his own poetry and translated 11 volumes of Chinese poetry, but he was best known for his 34 prose books in praise of the Communist revolution. He was one of several dozen foreigners who, inspired by the idealism of China's early Communist Party, devoted their lives to its cause.

A 13-YEAR-OLD GIRL was crushed to death when a practical joker raised a false fire alarm in a Philippine cinema, police said yesterday. Dozens were injured when about 500 people watching a Filipino horror film, *Do Not Revive The Dead*, stampeded for the exits at a suburban Manila cinema on Saturday night. The trampled body of Allese Ojas was found under a seat. The practical joker escaped in the confusion, police said.

THE SOVIET UNION has been testing a new cruise missile in the north of the Sea of Japan from a modernized and almost silent attack submarine, the *Washington Times* reported yesterday. In a dispatch from Tokyo, the newspaper quoted Japan defence agency sources as saying the tests might be the final stage before deployment of the missile, dubbed SS-NX-21.

A GRENADE ATTACK which killed a crewman on shore leave and injured nine others cut short a Christmas call by two U.S. Navy ships at Barcelona yesterday, officials said. As the destroyer Beary and the frigate Thorn sailed several days early for an undisclosed destination, police tightened security around other U.S. ships anchored at Palma de Majorca.

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## Young haredim go 'national'

By CHARLES HOFFMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

With extremism aggravating religious tension and drowning out moderate voices among Orthodox Jews, a small segment of the ultra-Orthodox community last week reaffirmed its concern for the ideal of national solidarity.

Ezra, the youth movement of Poalei Agudat Yisrael, voted at its 50th anniversary convention to add the word "leumi" (national) to its name. From now on, the movement, which has 5,000 members, will be known as the "National Haredi Youth Organization of Eretz Yisrael."

Yitzhak Hildesheimer, the secretary-general of the Ezra world movement, said that this change was made to "overcome the stigma attached to our members due to the negative image created by haredi extremism."

He stressed that Ezra and its par-

ent movement are "Zionist in deed, if not in name. We have moshavim (emissaries) abroad to educate our youth for aliya, and we serve in the army."

Then why not make the movement officially Zionist?

"There were some at the convention who wanted to do that," Hildesheimer responded, "but that would have created too many problems. Others wanted to take the term 'haredi' out of our name. The compromise solution, to add the word 'leumi,' won the support of a large majority."

Hildesheimer, who is a member of Kibbutz Sha'alvim, said that the convention reaffirmed that the preferred form of army service for Ezra youth is the *hesder* yeshiva where Tora study is combined with military training. The movement also has Nahal groups, he said, which organize new settlements.

"We also affirmed that young men who are especially talented pupils could study at an advanced yeshiva for several years before the army, but only until about age 22. Then they should do their regular army service."

"As for our young women, they do not do army service or national service. But we voted - again, this was to reaffirm what we have always taught - that it is their moral obligation to volunteer for a year of service to our movement after high school."

In addition to resolutions calling for moderation in religious controversies and greater understanding between religious and secular people, the convention also voted for a resolution calling for settlement in all parts of Eretz Yisrael. But it rejected a resolution demanding the annexation of the occupied territories.



Arab women leave a demonstration yesterday at the International Committee of the Red Cross offices in East Jerusalem, at which the mufti of Jerusalem, Sheikh Musa e-din Alami, said that Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon's purpose in moving into the Moslem Quarter was to drive the Arabs out of Jerusalem.

## Nudel: Double the population

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"I'm an ordinary Jewish woman with no political aspirations, but I know our only chance, with the Soviets and the Arabs against us, is to double our population, and only Soviet Jews can help us do that," Ida Nudel told a Herut women's division gathering in Tel Aviv Sunday night.

Her condition for participating in this "salute to women freedom fighters" was that it be "nonpolitical." Perhaps that was the reason why, contrary to similar events dealing with history and nostalgia, the evening was not spent proving why one pre-state underground movement had been right and the others wrong, or how much more it had done to bring about statehood than the others.

Lehi, Etzel and the Haganah were all mentioned in the same breath. When Shulamit Shamir and Esther Razel Naor talked about their experiences as underground fighters, they never mentioned in which organization they had fought, probably because it was a fair assumption that everyone in the audience knew the answer, but possibly also to maintain the "nonpolitical" atmosphere.

Ida Nudel wanted to talk only about Soviet Jewry. "You've heard enough dramatic personal stories for one evening," she said in hesitant English, apologizing for not having kept her promise to learn Hebrew quickly. "When people asked me where I got my strength, I told them I got it from people here, from the devotion of my sister and from others who worked to help me. Sometimes I would start to think I wanted to sit quietly for a few months, but then I would think about my sister's devotion and create a new clash between me and the KGB, because how could I sit still? I

say this because I urge you to give that same support to the Jews of silence" in the Soviet Union who also want to come out but perhaps are afraid to say so.

She said the KGB was trying to create a gap between the well-known aliya activists who have been released and the "Jews of silence." "Glasnost is superficial, an illusion," she warned. She added that though many Soviet Jews have gone



Ida Nudel

to the U.S. instead of coming here, she believes there is a new spirit among the young people.

"Some have become religious or traditional and others are just proud of being Jews. We have to help them and support them and bring them here to help us be a stronger and more self-sufficient country."

Herziya Lukai, who had been imprisoned in Iraq at the age of 16 for Zionist activity, told of her experiences. She won applause from the audience when she told them one of the incriminating documents found

in her home when she was arrested was her Russian translation of the Herut anthem, which she had heard on Israel Radio ("The Jordan has two banks; this one is ours and the other one, too").

Besides being beaten, humiliated and otherwise mistreated by prison staff and prisoners alike, she was transferred at one point to a mental hospital by a prison warden who wanted to get rid of her. "When I saw all the crazy people wandering around in the hospital yard, I got really frightened. Fortunately, the doctor was Jewish. He pronounced me sane and ordered the prison guard to take me back to prison. I don't think there was ever a prisoner more pleased to be back in jail."

Shamir and Razel-Naor spoke about the difficulties of being in prison when their young children needed them at home. Both women said they were sorry about their children's suffering, but didn't feel guilty because they knew their work in the underground was vital and that imprisonment was the price they had to pay. Shamir had gone on a hunger strike, demanding that her son be brought to the prison or that she be released to care for him. But in the end she was glad when a rabbi gave her a religious excuse to abandon her fast. She decided her son was still better off with the foster family (colleagues from the underground) who were caring for him.

Razel-Naor, who gave birth to her daughter in prison but had two young sons outside, said she had not wanted her sons brought to visit her in prison. "I didn't want barbed wire to stick in a corner of their memory. They were born free and I wanted them to stay that way."

Likud MK Miriam Glaser Ta'asa took the opportunity to urge the U.S. government to release Anne Pollard because of her poor health.

## Play must be shown, mayor says

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA - "I would not have chosen the Municipal Theatre's new play, *The Jerusalem Syndrome*, to open the original plays series of the state's 40th anniversary celebrations. But I will not have the city council interfere with the theatre's choice of repertoire," Mayor Arye Gurel said yesterday.

He was asked to comment on the controversy over the play, which has been banned by some politicians. On Sunday, the cabinet reviewed its inclusion in anniversary events.

The play has already started its run in the Municipal Theatre. Written by Yehoshua Sobol, it deals with nationalist extremism during the Jewish revolt in 70 CE, and there are obvious parallels with what's going on here today.

The final straw for some right-wing politicians is the appearance of an unidentified soldier in an IDF uniform who shoots a pregnant woman violating a curfew.

Gurel said he found the play and its staging, by Gedalya Besser, who with Sobol is joint artistic director of the theatre, "sophisticated." However, the play was not his cup of tea; and, although it is "thought-provoking," it does not portray the real situation.

Nevertheless, he will continue vigorously to oppose political interference with the repertoire because he believes that that sort of thing stifles art. It is up to the board of directors, including representatives of the municipality which financially supports the theatre, to review its repertoire. The city council should not dictate here, he said.

The theatre apparently relishes the controversy, having commercially exploited the scandals over its presentation of Sobol plays.

## Still no light seen at end of tunnel for the Carmelit

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA - The deadline for the tender for the repair and renovation of the city's Carmelit subway has again been extended, this time to January 15. It had already been put off from November 15 to the end of this month.

Mayor Arye Gurel said yesterday that several foreign firms interested in the job had requested the extension to complete their bids. Included in the renovation programme are the trains, the 1,700 metre-long tunnel and the six stations, which connect the lower town with the Hadar and the central Carmel districts. It is a seven-minute ride on the Carmelit but takes between four and five times as long on the roads.

The Carmelit was closed a year ago and the 10,000 passengers it had transported daily, despite its dilapidated state, now contribute to the congestion on the streets.

## Israel TV discriminates, women's group charges

By GREER FAY CASHMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel Television tends to discriminate against women, members of the Women's Lobby, headed by Dr. Alice Shalvi, yesterday told ITV department heads.

The meeting between the women and ITV policymakers, though conducted in a congenial atmosphere in the office of ITV chief Haim Yavin, brought to light the deep hurts felt by women who are tired of being cast in stereotypical roles or as sex objects.

Women's issues are not treated seriously or given the news coverage they deserve, the women charged.

When experts on politics, economics, or international affairs are invited to appear on any ITV forum or as newsroom guests, women are rarely included; and when they are, they are invariably outnumbered by men. Speaking from personal experience, Shalvi said that men are addressed by their titles, but the women are generally referred to as *severes*. Shalvi's doctorate, or that of any other woman, is no less important than that of a man, and male interviewers have no right to deliberately overlook a woman's academic or other achievements, the women asserted.

They were also angry that in service announcements women continue to be portrayed as either sex objects or victims.

Yavin pledged that more attention would be paid in future to the women's complaints, but he declined to accept the services of a women's advisory committee. He will, however, arrange for future meetings between representatives of the Women's Lobby and ITV department heads, he said.

The women have made the news division their first target.

## Man of solid Rock

IN PERSON  
BENNY MORRIS

"Your wisdom, energy and determination have been a constant source of inspiration to the people of Gibraltar. You have led them with calmness and courage through difficult times." Margaret Thatcher wrote Sir Joshua Hassan upon his resignation on December 11 from the post of chief minister of Gibraltar.

Hassan, taking a "long-deserved" vacation, is in Israel to attend his wife's niece's wedding. The bridegroom is from Kiryat Arba and Hassan spent last weekend in the settlement. "I was glad I went. On Saturday we walked down to the Cave of Machpelah. I was there before, in 1972, but there wasn't [a West Bank] problem like there is now. There was a thick blanket of troops. Nothing happened." Hassan takes a fatalistic attitude towards what could have befallen him.

He declines to speak for the record about the West Bank and Gaza troubles or Israeli policies. Though retired, he finds it difficult to shake off the habits and mentality of a serving politician. "I cannot interfere in another country's internal affairs. It would not be courteous." Rather, he speaks vaguely of the need for "reconciliation and goodwill." Through concessions? "I didn't say that."

So I turn to the problem of Gibraltar, which Britain has ruled since the 18th century and which Spain, ever since, has claimed. Hassan, who is 72, seems to have been Gibraltar's leading politician almost as long.

A lawyer by profession, he was elected Gibraltar's mayor in 1945, was its legislative council's chief member from 1956 and served as its chief minister, save for three years, since 1964. Gibraltar is "virtually autonomous," with Britain controlling the island's foreign and defence affairs and internal security.

Hassan flatly denies that his resignation after 42 years in office had



Joshua Hassan (Universal)

anything to do with the recent agreement between Britain and Spain, allowing Spain air traffic rights and partial control in Gibraltar. "I supported the agreement but I felt that the time had come to let my deputy take over. Now I can do all those things that others take for granted and that I have been deprived of - reading, a little writing, travelling. I intend to take it easy. And I have time for my family."

Some 500 Jews live in Gibraltar, of a total population of 30,000. The Jewish community is closely knit and influential, and is respected by the Catholic majority. "I was always asked about Jewish holidays and festivals before dates for elections were set," he says.

Hassan headed the left-of-centre Labour Party, which believes in continued British rule plus autonomy. It has reached agreements with Spain that, while denying the Spaniards sovereignty, have eased tensions.

Gibraltar has experienced an enormous economic boom since the opening of the border with Spain in the late 1960s. "I agree in principle that British-Gibraltar relations are no business of Spain. But there are 40 million Spaniards next door [whom we must consider]."

He smilingly dismisses the "unrealistic, unwise" stance of the Socialists, the main opposition party, who oppose any dealing with Spain. "They argue that if you give them an inch, they will take a mile. They fear a process of osmosis [i.e., creeping annexation]. The Spaniards themselves are the best antidote to the fears about osmosis. With their extreme statements, they continuously put up the backs of the people of Gibraltar."

The late Spanish dictator, Francisco Franco, avoided war with Britain over Gibraltar, arguing that it would fall like "a ripe plum." "The plum is (still) very green," says Hassan.

The people of Gibraltar, effectively to a man, oppose a Spanish takeover, and Hassan describes such an eventuality as inconceivable. But he recognizes that the Spaniards will never officially give up their claim. Britain, for its part, according to the 1969 Gibraltar constitution, remains committed to the Rock: "HMG will never enter into arrangements under which the people of Gibraltar would come under the sovereignty of another state against their freely and democratically expressed wishes."

"So they [the Spaniards] will have to learn to live with the situation," says Hassan.

## President Herzog weighing staying on for five more years

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

President Herzog has "postponed by a few days" his decision on whether to seek a second term in office. He said a few months ago that he would announce his decision before the end of 1987, but according to Beit Hanassi "he hasn't yet made up his mind and wants to consult his family first."

Herzog's first five-year term ends in May. If he decides to seek a second term, he is virtually guaranteed

the support of a majority in the Knesset. A president can serve no more than two terms of five years each.

If he serves a second term, he will be the first president in many years to do so. The fourth president, Ephraim Katzir, decided to leave Beit Hanassi after one term, in order to return to his laboratory at the Weizmann Institute. The fifth president, Yitzhak Navon, also turned down a second term, preferring to go back into politics.

## 'Lunacy to give up the Golan Heights'

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Prime Minister Mary Eugenia Charles of Dominica yesterday told Prime Minister Shamir that it would be "lunacy" for Israel to ever give back the Golan Heights.

Charles, who came to bid farewell to the prime minister following a week-long visit here, was pleasantly surprised when Shamir gave her a three-day old copy of the *International Herald Tribune* in which she is depicted as a first-rate leader who has carried out the nearly impossible task of successful agrarian reform in her country, Dominica.

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## Weapons training

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HERZLIYA - High school pupils here will soon undergo training in firearms and self-defence, Mayor Eli Landa announced yesterday.

The mayor pointed to the need to improve schoolchildren's self-defence skills following the recent, nearly fatal, attack on two youths in Ramat Hasharon, and the reduction of Gadna para-military instruction in the school system.



Man of Solid Rock

# New political era begins for Zimbabwe as Mugabe becomes executive president

HARARE (Reuters) - "I think the eyes have it," murmurs the speaker. Honourable members arise from their green leather benches, pick up their copies of Hansard, and file out to the tearoom. Another bill has become law in Zimbabwe's parliament.

After seven years of British-style government, Zimbabwe's political scene is being given a new look by the merger of its two main parties and the creation of a powerful new executive president.

When Prime Minister Robert Mugabe is elected president tomorrow by parliament, he will become head of a one-party state publicly committed to socialism under Marxist-Leninist principles.

But the words hide the political reality of a country run on capitalist lines and whose leaders owe more to Methodism than to Marx.

Mugabe, 63, is slated to be sworn in as president at a public ceremony in Zimbabwe's new Chinese-built national sports stadium on December 31, marking the climax of six months of political spring-cleaning. When Zimbabwe won independence from Britain in 1980, it promised not to introduce major constitutional reforms for seven years.

After this period expired, Mugabe's first move was to abolish reserved seats in parliament for whites, seen by most people as an anachronism and an obstacle to the government's policy of reconciliation between the races. Many white members who said an emotional farewell to parliament found themselves to their surprise back in their seats a few weeks later, nominated by Mugabe's ruling Zanu-PF Party. While the whites were reassured, the opposition Zapu leader Joshua Nkomo fumed that the ruling party should rename itself Zanu-ri - the initials of the far-right Rhodesian Front Party whose leader Ian Smith led the unilateral declaration of independence (UDI) from Britain in 1965.

NEXT CAME the reform abolishing the office of prime minister and giving Zimbabwe an executive president, a shift away from a Westminster-style system to one resembling that in other African countries. This change, like the abolition of the white seats, is widely seen as one of



Executive president of Zimbabwe Robert Mugabe

political symbol rather than substance.

Mugabe's third move - easily the most important of the three - was to reopen the merger talks with Zapu, which he suspended in April. Nkomo was left with little choice but to settle quickly on terms which amounted to the takeover of his party by Zanu-PF, which will also be the name of the new merged party.

Agreement was announced on December 22, allowing Mugabe's name to go forward as sole candidate for the presidency. The pact will give Zapu politicians a foothold in government for the first time since Mugabe sacked them in 1982 and has been widely welcomed as a step toward national unity.

Zimbabweans hope the unity pact will remove grassroots support for scattered groups of armed rebels, called dissidents, who have killed white farmers and government officials in Matabeleland and Midlands provinces.

The government has linked the

dissidents with Zapu, a charge Nkomo has always denied but one which has weakened his movement politically.

The worst massacre of all came a month ago when 16 members of a white Christian community were hacked to death by dissidents outside Bulawayo, Zimbabwe's second city and the capital of Matabeleland. Businessmen and farmers in Bulawayo hope the merger will solve the security problem and lead to a revival of both government and private investment in their city, in danger of becoming a ghost town. Security problems are only one reason for Zimbabwe's growing economic woes, headed by lack of investment and failure to create new jobs for thousands of school-leavers.

The business community, still largely dominated by 100,000 whites, has learned not to take government professions of Marxism-Leninism at face value, though it sees them as one more deterrent to badly-needed foreign investment.

# The Shining Path to Peru's cocaine fields

TOCACHE, Peru (AP) - The lush green hills that look down on this jaw-dropping town in Peru's highland jungle conceal columns of Shining Path guerrillas on the prowl for profits from cocaine trafficking.

Since the beginning of the year, the rebels of the Maoist guerrilla movement have entered into a deadly alliance with drug dealers, according to peasants involved in the illegal trade and to police.

The pact has brought a new level of violence to the upper Huallaga River Valley - the world's greatest source of coca, the plant used to make cocaine.

Counter-insurgency experts say involvement in the illegal drug trade has helped Shining Path until now poorly armed in its seven-year insurgency, build a war chest for the acquisition of sophisticated weapons. They estimate the rebels have already accumulated as much as \$7 million after only a few months.

The violence has included clashes between rival gangs of narcotics traffickers, with the Shining Path siding with the more powerful like "the Vampire," the Cocaine King of ToCACHE.

"Sereno Llamas" - as the group is called in Spanish - also has battled another rebel band, the pro-

Cuban Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement, for control of the valley. With the aid of the Vampire's hired killers, the Maoist rebels expelled their rival revolutionaries from the valley after an ambush outside ToCACHE in March that townspeople say left at least 40 dead.

Local residents and police call the powerful, muddy Huallaga River "the biggest cemetery in the valley." They say that during the past year, barely a day has passed without a bullet-riddled body floating swiftly downstream past riverfront villages.

The "Carretera Marginal," the valley's principal highway, also has been strewn with its share of the dead. "Some days as many as three bodies are seen along the highway," said cab driver Pascual Rojas.

Tingo Maria, with 75,000 people, is the biggest town in the valley. It is located 370 km. northeast of Lima on the eastern slopes of the Andes and is the starting point of the Jungle Highway 128 km. south of here.

For the past year, taxi drivers have refused to travel the road to ToCACHE after dark.

IN AUGUST, the highway was cut in dozens of places by ditches that have only recently been filled in by

road crews. The guerrillas also dynamited three bridges and vehicles must now ford the streams they spanned.

Eight km. outside Tingo Maria, the Shining Path announces its presence. For the next 40 km., until the town of Aucayacu, long stretches of pavement and every single building along the way have been painted in blood-red revolutionary slogans and hammer-and-sickle symbols.

"Death to the genocide! Alan Garcia" [Peru's president], "Long live Presidente Gonzalo" [the rebels' name for Shining Path founder and leader Abimael Guzman], "Death to the Yankees" - they will find their tombs here - a reference to U.S. narcotics agents taking part in anti-drug raids in the valley.

The Shining Path guerrilla organization launched a rural insurgency in the highland state of Ayacucho in 1980 to topple Peru's government and install a peasant and workers state patterned after the ideas of China's Mao Tse-Tung. Since then the violence has spread through the mountains, down to Peru's coastal cities and now into the jungle, claiming more than 10,000 lives.

The upper Huallaga Valley is hemmed in by jagged peaks at its southern end but broadens to 30

km. as the swift-flowing river drops a thousand feet by the time it reaches the town of Juanjui 240 km. to the north. The valley floor is covered with luxuriant tropical vegetation and the coca grown on the hill-sides produces the world's best-quality cocaine.

Tens of thousands of impoverished highland peasants have poured into the valley since the early 1970s to grow coca to meet the soaring U.S. demand for cocaine. The peasants turn the coca leaves into dough-like paste in crude processing pits in the jungle. "Narcotraficantes" - the local drug dealers and their hired gunmen - collect the paste and market it to Colombian buyers who arrive in small planes at dozens of airstrips scattered throughout the valley.

In Colombia, international narcotics organizations refine the paste into pure cocaine for smuggling to the U.S. and Europe.

The huge profits from the cocaine trade and the campesinos' resentment of a U.S.-financed coca eradication campaign have combined to draw the Shining Path into the valley, according to peasants, priests, police, teachers and community development workers in the area.

Eastern bloc countries realise slowly but painfully that money is what makes the world go round

# Communists cash in on a capital idea

MARK FRANKLAND/London

ASPECTRE will haunt Eastern Europe in 1988. Its name is money.

After four decades of making believe that political will was enough to build a modern society, most of Europe's Communist rulers are trying to remember where they stored the traditional economic tools. Profit and loss, cost and price, supply and demand and reward and punishment - these and all the other once supposedly capricious characters from the capitalist drama of the market are to be fired out in hopelessly decent Communist dress and propelled across the national stage.

If all goes well, a progressively costumed they will appear in the final act - money, as good as gold, as good even as Deutschmarks and yen. The days will be over when feeble Communist currencies covered under a fortress of regulations, their worthlessness proclaimed for all to see by the hard currency stores that had to be set up throughout the bloc.

Although the outline of the plot is the same, each country is writing its

own script. The Poles and Hungarians have advanced farthest. Next year Poland will increase retail prices by a quarter. It would have been almost twice that if November's referendum had not failed to give the government a majority for more rapid reform.

The increase is a step towards matching prices with real costs. The Hungarians will pursue the same logic by bringing in income tax and VAT in one swoop. For the first time in its life, the government will have to live off accountable tax revenues.

Czechoslovakia, equipped with its new, in name at least, party leader, Milos Jakes, will follow some distance behind the flamboyant Poles and flexible Hungarians. Both are driven by despair: they know how hard their predicament is. Since the present Czechoslovak leadership, Jakes concluded, is the one that got the country into its predicament, it has a natural reluctance to admit any reason for despair.

Nevertheless, government economists can be found in Prague who

deliver the Czech version of Cassandras' message for Eastern Europe: unless you change, and change fast, you will become not just a European but a global backwater. The message has not got through to President Ceausescu in Romania - one can no longer be sure what does get through to him - though there are certainly Romanians who understand it but keep quiet.

Ceausescu's obstinacy nevertheless has roots in an honourable tradition. Earlier this month he insisted he did grasp "the role of economic laws" but that it was wrong to leave "socio-economic development" to the law of supply and demand, that is, market laws. Unfortunately, he is unable to give a good example of harnessing economic forces to social ends.

The argument sounds better from East Germany, whose industry and living conditions are good enough to make a Romanian, perhaps even a Pole, weep with envy. The East Germans have been insolent in their unwillingness to kneel at the altar of

perestroika (restructuring). Their economic achievement (compared with the East not the West) is the most obvious reason but just as important could be their understanding of the limitations of a system created by the will of a minority supported by the Soviet army.

Real money is all very well, but what happens when it begins to elude the party from the centre of the stage? Democracy sounds nice but how many Communists in Eastern Europe believe a Communist government could be popularly elected in their lifetime?

The Germans' lack of enthusiasm for the Gorbachev changes suggest they understand it is one thing for a Soviet leader to try to reform what is after all a thoroughly Soviet system and quite another for East Berlin or Prague to reform what is also, in its essentials, a thoroughly Soviet system. Is it surprising that throughout Eastern Europe there are people who do not believe it can be done and who ask, some in hope, others in gloom: after money, what next? (London Observer Service)

# Arms cuts force Gorbachev's hand

ANDREW WILSON/MOSCOW

MIKHAIL GORBACHEV bought time, but nothing more, at the Washington summit - time in which to consolidate the credibility of his leadership before the party and people.

He has shown at last that he can achieve results in the international sphere. But the relief to the economy from scrapping medium-range missiles is marginal.

Both to extend his authority in domestic matters, and to achieve some real relief for the civil economy, it is absolutely necessary to move on to strategic arms cuts.

To get the projected 50 per cent cut on which he has set his sights, he is prepared to be accommodating about the precise interpretation of the existing Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, but he has gone too far now to backtrack on his condition that

such a cut be accompanied by an American undertaking to hold off from full-scale introduction of the Strategic Defence Initiative. All this makes a strategic arms treaty in 1988 far from certain.

To achieve the economic targets that Gorbachev and the party have set for the year 2000, it will also be necessary to make large reductions in conventional arms. But there are no signs yet of any proposal for reducing the five million men in the Soviet armed forces, or modifying the two-year military conscription programme.

An immediately popular move - and one which Gorbachev would dearly like to make - would be the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan. Soviet plans appear to envisage the reinstatement of an old-fashioned buffer state, internationally guaranteed, with its economic development fuelled by Western or Third World capital under a semblance of socialist control.

But Moscow cannot risk the establishment of a fundamentalist Islamic regime on what is probably its most sensitive border. There can be no withdrawal without the Western-backed Mujahideen - and reasonable assurance that the Afghan Communist Party does not again fall victim to internal feuds.

IN CONTRAST to the great changes that glasnost has made in the Soviet arts and press (above all the now quite explicit denunciation of Stalinism in literature and the cinema) and moves to rectify history by the rehabilitation of Bakunin and other early revolutionary figures, Gorbachev has still not been able to show concrete results from perestroika (restructuring) to the Soviet consumer.

For many people, the only changes have been higher prices, harder work and reduced pay (because of rationalization and stricter manufacturing quality controls).

Nevertheless, perestroika continues and, in what Gorbachev now realizes is going to be a very long haul against inertia and bureaucracy, first on the two agendas will be education and agriculture. There are also moves to reconstruct the abysmally corrupt and inefficient health service.

The limits test of whether perestroika is bound for success or failure will come with the party conference (a special event, in his case likely to be even more significant than last year's 27th congress) in July.

What the conference endorses will set the country's policy, internationally and domestically, for the remainder of the century. If, by the time it is held, Gorbachev has put enough of his supporters into key middle-rank posts to carry things forward, the prospects will be good - not for achieving all that is promised for the year 2000, but for being on the way to them some time in the next century. If not, the country is in train for another period of stagnation - and, actually or in effect, a different leadership.

On the broad international front, Soviet policy is everywhere interested in creating the stability necessary to the country's progress with internal reforms. This includes the Gulf, Southeast Asia and relations with China. Above all, there seems to be a good intention not to let client states, like Gaddafi's Libya, again drag the Soviet Union into situations from which it can draw neither profit nor prestige.

(London Observer Service)



A Chinese justice ministry spokesman yesterday denied reports that Mao Tse-tung's widow, 73-year-old Jiang Qing had been released from prison and was living in a Peking villa. Jiang was the leader of the "Gang of Four", which tried to resist social reforms after her husband's death. Jiang is seen here during her trial in 1980-81. (Reuters)

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# Saving Israel's youth in distress

AMERICANS and Israelis are joining forces to help local youngsters with criminal records become rehabilitated.

"Usually, organizations abroad raise the money and the organizations here spend it," explained Ann Bialkin, founder and president of Elem (which stands for the Association for Youth in Distress in Israel). "In our organization there is complete partnership, with both Israelis and Americans involved personally, professionally and financially in making policy - not just giving money."

Bialkin, a former New York family court social worker who lives in the U.S., became aware of the problems of delinquent youth in Israel when she met local Juvenile Court Judge Saviona Rotlevy in New York.

"The statistics here are the same as in the States and everywhere else: About 10 per cent of youth can be defined as 'youth in distress,' but Israel can afford this less than other countries," she explained while on a recent visit here.

Many organizations in Israel help these "distressed" youngsters - usually teenagers who neither work nor attend school - but services for those with court records are very limited, Bialkin discovered.

"We came here to see the situation for ourselves and our conclusion was that there was a need for community-based hostels where these kids could be rehabilitated. The government's Youth Protection Authority provided institutions far from their homes. Sometimes, a youth was helped in such an institution, but when he was released and came home, he couldn't cope," she said.

AFTER HER visit, Bialkin and a group of other interested Americans and Israelis formed Elem in 1981 in the U.S. and a parallel organization was established here, headed by Yochanan Wozner, an experienced worker in the field and a former

Lea Levavi discovered Elem, the association for helping youth in distress in Israel. Apart from being partly funded by friends in the U.S., Elem also benefits from having American friends getting involved in the actual workings of the organization.



dean of the Tel Aviv University School of Social Work.

Today, Elem runs four hostels for delinquent boys in Kiryat Gat, Ashdod, Beersheba and Jerusalem. Its first hostel for girls, in Haifa, will open soon. The organization also runs smaller community projects to help boys and girls who are not yet in the care of the courts. These include anything from "big brother" programmes to training in hairdressing.

As for the boys living in the hostels, the initial goal was to place them all in IDF-sponsored workshops and keep them there until

they were old enough to do their army service.

"We soon discovered that the army workshops are a good beginning - a place where the kids can't fail and where they learn good work habits. But if we want them to learn a trade, we have to send them to apprenticeship programmes in the community after they've learned the basics at the workshops."

The final goal for the youths is, according to Bialkin, regular army service which they complete on an individual basis, mainstreamed into the IDF, not as a group in the army's special programmes for disadvantaged youth.

"We understand the army's desire to raise its standards but our goal is to prepare our boys well and then say, 'Please give them a chance because if not, they will be disenfranchised citizens,'" she said.

Two-thirds of the expense of running Elem's hostels and programmes are financed by the government. The organization contributes the remaining third, mostly in the form of enrichment services such as additional social work and psychological services, trips, training courses for staff and soon to be implemented computer courses. Elem funds are also used to give the youths cash bonuses for good behaviour, and for achievements at school or on the job.

"Just as our partnership between Americans and Israelis is unique, our partnership with the government here is also special," added Bialkin. "We don't just pay the bills; every project we do, inside and outside of the hostels, is decided upon jointly by representatives of Elem and of the government Youth Protection Authority."

Some projects have the double aim of helping the youngsters directly while, at the same time, helping them indirectly by raising public awareness of the "forgotten" minority of young people with court records.

"Take the Council for a Beautiful Israel, for example. They probably didn't even know Youth Protection Authority institutions existed, but when we suggested having a beautification campaign in these institutions (including the Elem hostels), they agreed readily. During the three months of the campaign, there was a tremendous drop in problems of bad behaviour and runaways. The kids were simply too busy beautifying their homes... Israelis are caring people; if you bring the problem to their attention, they are very willing to help."

So why is so little known about Elem? "Until now," Bialkin explained, "I have been very reluctant about publicity. I felt we should do something for these kids before we start tooting our horn. Now that we've gotten somewhere, and are going to get even further, I decided maybe it's time we were better known."

One of the things which convinced her of the need for publicity was the fact that a few months ago, she received a medal for volunteerism from the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs - marking the first time a non-Israeli has been awarded this distinction.

"I see that as proof of our uniqueness as an organization. Too many American Jews think Israelis just want their money. If someone would get them more involved personally and professionally in what's happening in this country, I think they would be a valuable asset to Israel."

(For more information concerning Elem and its activities, call 03-418792.)

# Fleas, soon a thing of the past

CUSTOMIZING shoes for soldiers and equipping army boots with a cushion in the heel could drastically reduce the incidence of muscular ruptures due to exertion in the army.

So says Prof. Mirtza Arkan of the engineering faculty of Tel Aviv University. Most people, he notes, wear shoes that are unsuited to the type of work they are doing.

"The challenge of the future is to design customized shoes suited uniquely to each person," says the professor, adding that the bio-medical engineering lab of the university is now conducting experiments in cooperation with the Israel Defence Forces in an effort to reduce the number of foot problems among soldiers.

Prof. Arkan was quoted in *Macmillan*, the *Macmillan* health fund newsletter, as claiming that the extensive use of cars and elevators to reduce physical exertion has led to a general weakening of our muscles. The back and legs are the most susceptible to these problems, and are much weaker than in the past when people walked long distances and climbed stairs.



HANG IN THERE FIDO! - Dogs won't have to suffer the burden of fleas for much longer, according to Cornell University scientists (Hanan Guttmann)

He adds that a sophisticated device in the lab enables researchers to locate dangerous pressure points that affect the back and feet and will help in the designing of customized footwear.

NEVER DRINK water that you heat from the hot-water faucet, recommends an American chemist. Instead, heat the water from your cold-water tap. Dr. Gerald Shrauzer of the University of California at San Diego explains that as water runs through the pipes, it picks up poisonous substances like cadmium and lead. Hot water attracts these substances more than cold water. If you drink or cook with hot water directly from the tap, long-time use could result in damage to the kidneys or to the brain, warns the professor.

Meanwhile, a physician from Johns Hopkins University recommends never to drink the cold-water that first comes out of the faucet in the morning. Instead, he says, let it run a minute or two. Harmful substances, he explains, accumulate in the pipes overnight and should be flushed out.



By JUDY SIGEL-KITZKOVICH

PEOPLE WHO empty their bladders as soon as they feel they have to urinate suffer from "less bladder cancer" than those who "hold it in," unnecessarily. A group of unnamed Israeli researchers have reached this conclusion, quoted in the Israeli journal *Mada*.

They found that rural people urinate more frequently than city people; considering the shortage of public toilets, this is not a surprise. Urban residents not only have higher rates of bladder cancer than country people, but their urine is much more concentrated than that of rural residents who apparently drink

A POPULAR encyclopedia on family health, divided into six volumes, has just been produced by Sagi Publishing. The Hebrew publication, called *The Encyclopedia for the Health of the Modern Family*, deals with child development and health; how to look good; medical problems; health and sex; how the body works and how to protect your body from disease; and modern medical technology and treatments. Six more volumes are being prepared.

DOGS AND cats have something to celebrate: The demise of the flea is nearly upon us.

Researchers at Cornell University's college of veterinary medicine have succeeded in raising fleas on "artificial dogs." These devices bear little resemblance to real canines, says an article in the monthly magazine *American Health*. But the machines have enabled scientists to collect flea eggs along with adult fleas - something that is difficult or impossible to do with real dogs or cats.

The research will help determine the amount of animal blood essential for feeding fleas and will explain how they reproduce so rapidly. With more information on flea biology, the scientists hope to develop a flea vaccine. They have already learned that fleas - legendary for their jumping ability - are much stronger when they walk: When they jump, they don't feed so they die, says parasitologist Susan Wade.

THE WORLD Health Organization has launched an international study in major American and European cities on the rapidly-emerging problem of Aids among intravenous drug-users. It is the first international study of its kind.

"If we're really going to understand drug-users' motivations and methods to prevent Aids, then we need to study the drug-users' social, cultural and legal environment," says Dr. Manuel Carballo, head of the project.

The WHO is also urging governments and prison authorities around the world to carefully consider recommendations it has prepared to prevent and deal with Aids infection in prisons. Among the recommendations are distribution of condoms among inmates, early release of terminally ill Aids patients, and testing for the virus on request, with results kept confidential.

A CONSUMER group in the U.S. has claimed that a newly-developed "fat" substitute that has no calories is potentially carcinogenic. Called Olestra, the substance is being developed by the U.S. food giant, Procter and Gamble. According to a recent report in *Britain's New Scientist*, Olestra passes straight through the alimentary canal without being absorbed, so consumers can eat normally high-calorie foods like cakes without added calories.

Olestra is not yet on sale, but a group of consumer activists, led by Michael Jackson of the U.S. Centre for Science in the Public Interest, claim that a two-year study by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has found a high rate of cancer in rats fed with Olestra. Procter and Gamble maintains that the results are "statistically insignificant."

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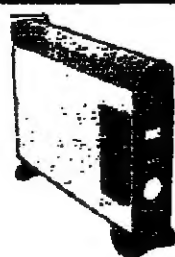
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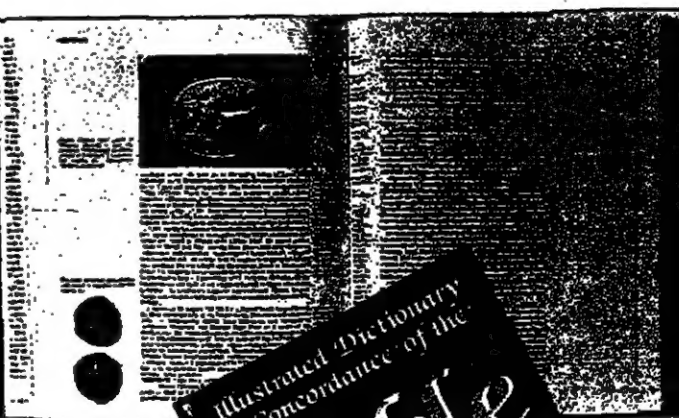
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## Wizo fundraising campaign gets under way next week

WIZO officials hope to raise NIS 2.5 million in the organization's annual fund-raising campaign, which will be officially launched at the Knesset next Monday (Jan. 4).

Ruth Tekoa, chairman of Wizo Israel, explains that the money contributed will help support a wide range of already-existent (and planned) activities and institutions - from after-school clubs for disadvantaged children, to shelters for teenage girls in distress and for battered women, to legal aid services, to various lecture and training programmes.

What about Wizo's best-known service, its day-care centres? These are run by World Wizo, says Tekoa, and the campaign is not meant to support them. However, any offer from a donor willing to earmark \$70,000 to run one such centre for a year would be gratefully received.

"From our day-care centres alone, 7,000 children had to be turned away this year. Perhaps there is some generous person who understands the importance of helping mothers go out to work, and of giving children an educational experience in their early years, who would like to give money specifically for that purpose."

The campaign is divided into two parts: the popular door-to-door fundraiser, and gala dinners, fashion shows, house parties and other events designed to attract larger-scale donors.

"Raising money in private homes is something we would like to do more often because there is no expense to Wizo and whatever people contribute is net profit," says Helena Glaser, head of the organization's fundraising department.

The chairman of the campaign this year is Shalom Singer, the new general manager of the First International Bank. His speech at the official opening of the campaign at the Knesset, to be held under the auspices of the minister of labour and social affairs, will focus on how the economic situation abroad influences giving and why more fundraising within Israel is necessary.

Glaser stresses that fundraising at home is very important no matter how much money can be raised abroad, adding that "Wizo Israel is in fourth place among the 50 Wizo federations in the amount of money we raise. That gives us the moral right to ask Wizo federations abroad to raise more money."

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## Committed to baroque

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ONE CAN only admire the zeal of the ensemble, a cosmopolitan group whose members meet and work at Heidelberg under the direction of Klaus Preis.

This mostly Baroque programme included some lesser known works as the Pachelbel canon 'the Telemann concerto.

### MUSIC REVIEW

Among the soloists, Andreas Weiss rendered a conscientiously solo of the Mozart "Stadler" quintet, displaying musical and technical ability. The strings were not always clear and lacked a unanimity of purpose.

The rest of the programme was played with commitment and showed good team-work. Jonathan Storer performed "Winter" solo from Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons" well, and Norcia and Macintosh distinguished themselves in the Bach concerto. Preis gave interesting and humorous explanations that helped to create an informal atmosphere.

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## Oilers, Vikings clinch last wild-card berths

## Chaotic NFL season heads into playoffs

NEW YORK (AP) — Wide receiver Jerry Rice and three running backs, veteran Eric Dickerson and rookies Alonzo Highsmith and Paul Palmer, settled the final NFL playoffs spots Sunday.

Rice capped his record-breaking year with two touchdowns passes to help lead the San Francisco 49ers to a 48-0 victory over the Los Angeles Rams and the NFC West Division title.

Dickerson rushed for 196 yards and scored twice to lead the Indianapolis Colts to a 24-6 victory over Tampa Bay and the AFC East title.

Charles White of the Rams won the NFL's individual rushing title with a 95-yard performance against the 49ers that gave him 1,374 yards for the season.

Highsmith scored the first two touchdowns of his NFL career as the Houston Oilers downed Cincinnati 21-17 and clinched the final AFC wild-card berth.

Palmer returned a kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown as Kansas City upset Seattle 41-20, giving the Denver Broncos the AFC West Division title.

Minnesota got the final NFC wild card when the Dallas Cowboys, with Herschel Walker scoring twice, beat the St. Louis Cardinals 21-16.

The regular season was to wind up late last night with New England at Miami.

On Saturday, Washington edged Minnesota 27-24 in overtime and Cleveland defeated Pittsburgh 19-13 to win the AFC Central title.

49ers 48, Rams 0  
Rice finished the regular season with 23 touchdowns, 22 on receptions and one rushing. That left him one short of the NFL single-season record of 24 touchdowns set by Washington fullback John Riggins

in 1983. He set league records with his 22 scoring receptions and also by catching touchdown passes in 13 consecutive games.

Colts 24, Bucs 6

Dickerson, whose midseason acquisition transformed Indianapolis into a serious contender, led the Colts to the AFC East title and their first playoff berth in a decade. Dickerson was supported by a defense that never let Tampa Bay inside their 20 and held the Bucs to two field goals.

Oilers 21, Bengals 17

Highsmith, a contract holdout for the first eight games of the season,

caught a 33-yard touchdown pass from Warren Moon and ran one yard for another score. The Oilers, 9-6, last made the playoffs in 1980.

Chiefs 41, Seahawks 20

Palmer's 92-yard kickoff return highlighted a big-play day for Kansas City as the Chiefs dropped the Seahawks to 9-6 and forced them onto the road next week as a wild-card entry in the playoffs.

Cowboys 21, Cardinals 16

Herschel Walker rushed for 137 yards, scored two touchdowns and played the perfect decoy on Steve Pelluer's game-deciding five-yard touchdown run as Dallas killed St. Louis' playoff hopes. The loss by the

Cardinals gave the remaining NFC wild-card spot to the Minnesota Vikings.

Saints 33, Packers 24

Morten Andersen kicked four first-half field goals and Dalton Hilliard sparked a three-touchdown second half as New Orleans closed out the team's most successful season with their victory over Green Bay.

Broncos 24, Chargers 0

Rookie Kevin Clark returned a punt 71 yards for a touchdown and the Denver Broncos, letting a blizzard protect their early lead, clinched the home field advantage throughout the playoffs by defeating San Diego.

Bears 6, Raiders 3

Kevin Butler's 30 yard field goal, his second three-pointer of the game, gave Chicago their victory over the Los Angeles Raiders and assured them of a home game in the NFC semifinals the weekend of January 9-10.

Eagles 17, Bills 7

Randall Cunningham completed 16 of 21 passes for 177 yards and a touchdown and Keith Byars ran for 102 yards as Philadelphia capped their best season since 1981.

Giants 20, Jets 7

Phil Simms threw for two touchdowns as the New York Giants ended one of the worst seasons ever by a Super Bowl champion by defeating the New York Jets. In less than 12 months, the Giants, 6-9, went from NFL champions to last place in the NFC East.

Lions 30, Falcons 13

Gary Ellerson scored twice on short runs and Eddie Murray added three field goals to power Detroit over Atlanta. The Falcons finished the season with the worst record in the NFL.

## Seattle's Largent sets reception record

KANSAS CITY — Steve Largent of the Seattle Seahawks became the NFL's all-time reception leader with his 751st catch Sunday, breaking the mark of 750 previously held by Charlie Joiner.

Largent, a 12-year veteran from Tulsa, took a swing pass in the flat and went three yards in the second quarter of the Seahawks' regular season finale against Kansas City. He finished the game with 752.

Largent also extended his NFL record with a reception in his 152nd straight game. Largent entered the game needing five catches, 201 yards and six receiving touchdowns to become the career leader in all three.

## NFL STANDINGS

## AMERICAN CONFERENCE EAST

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	9	6	0	.600	300	238
New England	8	6	0	.571	332	311
New York Jets	7	7	0	.500	296	285
Buffalo	6	9	0	.400	270	305
Jets	6	9	0	.400	334	360

## CENTRAL

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Cleveland	10	5	0	.667	390	239
Houston	9	6	0	.600	345	349
Pittsburgh	8	7	0	.533	285	289
Cincinnati	4	11	0	.267	285	360

## WEST

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Denver	10	4	1	.700	379	288
Seattle	9	6	0	.600	371	314
San Diego	8	7	0	.533	253	317
LA Raiders	8	7	0	.533	303	313
Kansas City	4	11	0	.267	275	388

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE EAST

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Washington	11	4	0	.733	373	259
Dallas	7	8	0	.467	340	348
Philadelphia	5	9	0	.357	352	362
St. Louis	7	8	0	.467	337	380
N.Y. Giants	6	9	0	.400	280	312

## CENTRAL

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Chicago	11	4	0	.733	356	282
Minnesota	8	7	0	.533	336	335
Green Bay	5	9	0	.357	287	360
Detroit	4	11	0	.267	269	384

## WEST

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
San Francisco	13	2	0	.867	459	233
New Orleans	12	3	0	.800	422	203
LA Rams	6	9	0	.400	317	361
Atlanta	3	12	0	.200	282	436

## First woman to handle NFL play-by-play on TV gets ringing endorsement

By CRAIG HORST

KANSAS CITY (AP) — The worst is over and it wasn't that bad, according to the first woman to handle network play-by-play announcing duties for an NFL game.

"I'm glad it's over. I got the monkey off my back," said Gayle Siereus, who called Sunday's Seattle-Kansas City game.

"Everyone wanted to see how this girl would do this football game and now they know. I think this is the worst broadcast I'll ever do. Having said that, I think it was a pretty darn good broadcast."

"I knew there would be mistakes and there were. I know exactly where they were and they won't happen again. There were some miscalls of names and I know I gave the score wrong at one point. Those are mistakes of letting down a little bit."

Siereus, a news anchor in Tampa, Florida, got a ringing endorsement and the assurance of more work from NBC.

"I'm going to commit to Gayle right now to do more NFL action on NBC-TV," said Michael Weisman, executive producer of NBC Sports.

"When you consider that this is Gayle's first one, it was a remarkable performance," Weisman said. "What we have found is that Gayle has improved with every game. No ifs, ands or buts about it."

Siereus practiced for her debut by watching tapes of old games and calling them. NBC spent \$50,000 to train her.

The practice paid off when Siereus

correctly called a tackle-eligible play in which the Chiefs got a touchdown on a pass to tackle Mark Adickes.

"I called it as soon as it happened," she said. "I called who it was, what position it was."

Kansas City, which made several big plays on offense, won the game 41-20 after taking a 27-0 lead at halftime.

The game, particularly the first half, was very exciting and that helped," Siereus said. "I was pleased with the way things turned out."

"I just hope the male audience or the female audience would look at it like they saw a good game and that the announcers didn't get in the way of the game. I don't want anyone to say, 'Oh, she did good for a girl.'"

Dave Rowe, a former NFL line-man who teamed with Siereus as an analyst, said he forgot he was working with a woman as soon as the game started.

"At first, I thought that this is odd, strange," Rowe said. "But after the first couple of series, I can't remember a time in the broadcast where I thought that I'm doing a game with a woman and this is a historic moment."

Weisman said he hoped Siereus' experience would interest other women in seeking announcing posts for a network.

"What has happened today is that a door was opened and Gayle was given an opportunity and she pushed it open a little wider," Weisman said.

## McHale — just doing his job

SACRAMENTO (AP) — For Kevin McHale, his 16 fourth-quarter points were nothing more than what was expected of him.

"The guards were making great passes in there," said McHale, who finished with 25 points in the Boston Celtics' 114-102 National Basketball Association victory over Sacramento on Sunday night. "When they do that, your job as the big man is to simply put it into the hole."

"All I did was what I was supposed to do."

Larry Bird led the Celtics with 35 points as they won their sixth consecutive game. Otis Thorpe led Sacramento with 30 points, while Reggie Theus added 29.

Boston Coach K.C. Jones said he was impressed with Sacramento centre Joe Kleine, who had 14 points and 15 rebounds.

## NBA STANDINGS

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	12	11	.520	0
Philadelphia	12	11	.520	0
Washington	8	16	.333	8 1/2
New York	8	16	.333	8 1/2
New Jersey	8	16	.333	8 1/2

## CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Denver	17	5	.773	0
Atlanta	18	7	.720	1 1/2
Memphis	18	7	.720	1 1/2
Chicago	15	11	.577	4
Indiana	13	12	.520	5 1/2
Cleveland	12	14	.462	7

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Dallas	16	10	.615	0
Denver	19	9	.680	1
San Antonio	12	12	.500	4
San Antonio	12	12	.500	4
Utah	12	14	.462	5
Sacramento	7	19	.269	10

## PACIFIC DIVISION

	W	L	Pct.	GB
LA Lakers	19	6	.760	0
Portland	16	10	.615	3
Seattle	13	13	.500	6 1/2
LA Clippers	8	15	.346	10
Phoenix	8	15	.346	10
Golden State	19	19	.500	14

## U.S. seeking British help in bid to stage World Cup

LONDON (AP) — Soccer chiefs in the U.S. have turned to a leading administrator in the English game to mastermind their bid to stage the 1994 World Cup.

Ted Croker, secretary of the English FA, confirmed that he had been invited to help the U.S.

"I have had an approach from the States. It's a fascinating situation," Croker said. "The U.S. would certainly need a strong European influence, and I'm prepared to give what guidance I have."



CANNONBALL — QPR's Mark Falco rockets a shot past cringing Billy Whitehurst of Oxford United to score his first goal in the match at Loftus Road in London yesterday. Rangers won 3-2. (Reuter telephoto)

## Liverpool show no mercy

LONDON (Reuter) — Liverpool completed a pitiless Christmas programme when they beat Newcastle 4-0 yesterday — their 10th win in 11 home league games this season — to maintain a 10-point lead at the top of the English First Division.

Steve McMahon, after only four minutes, John Aldridge, with two second-half goals, and Ray Houghton, two minutes from the end, scored the goals that extended Liverpool's unbeaten start to the season to 21 matches.

Second-placed Nottingham Forest were also in fine goal-scoring form, winning 4-1 at home against Coventry after Cyrille Regis had given the visitors the lead in the 25th minute.

Tommy Gynor put Forest on the road back with goals in the 30th and 72nd minutes and Brian Burrows, with an own goal, and Terry Wilson completed Coventry's destruction.

Liverpool now have 53 points having completed exactly half their league games while Forest, who have played one match fewer, have 43 points, three ahead of Arsenal who were beaten 3-1 at Wimbledon.

Manchester United took over fourth place from Everton with a 2-1 home win over the champions, Brian McClair scoring both their goals to take his tally to 16 since joining United from Glasgow Celtic before the start of the season.

With 38 points from 21 matches, United are just two behind Arsenal with a game in hand.

Liverpool, who won 3-0 at Oxford on Saturday to set a club record of 20 unbeaten league matches, showed no sign of faltering in their quest for a 17th league title.

McMahon, the attacking midfielder who completed the win at Oxford with a thunderous goal from 30 metres, swept them into the lead with another fierce shot from the edge of the area that reinforced his claim to be included in England's 1988 European championship side.

Aldridge's first goal, in the 49th minute, was a disputed penalty after he appeared to slip but his second from Peter Beardsley's pass was without blemish, the ball deftly side-

footed home, and Houghton took advantage of Newcastle's rapidly evaporating morale to claim his late goal.

**DIVISION THREE** — Blackpool 1, Notts County 1; Bristol City 5, Brighton 2; Chesterfield 2, Walsall 1; Fulham 2, Brentford 2; Colchester 3, Port Vale 1; Northampton 0, Bury 4; Rotherham 1, Doncaster Rovers 3; Southend 4, Bristol Rovers 2; Sunderland 1, Preston North End 1; Wigan Athletic 1, Chester 2; York City 2, Mansfield Town 2.

**DIVISION FOUR** — Bolton Wanderers 2, Stockport County 1; Cambridge United 1, Scarborough 0; Carlisle United vs Huddersfield Town postponed; Darlington 4, Burnley 2; Leyton Orient 1, Scunthorpe United 1; Rochdale 0, Hartlepool United 2; Swansea City 1, Torquay United 1; Wrexham 2, Peterborough United 1; Wolves 3, Exeter City 4; Wrexham 0, Hereford United 0.

**DIVISION ONE** — Liverpool 4, Newcastle United 2; Luton Town 1, Charlton Athletic 1; Manchester United 2, Everton 1; Norwich City 3, Chelsea 0; Nottingham Forest 4, Coventry City 1; Portsmouth 1, Watford 1; Queens Park Rangers 3, Oxford United 2; Sheffield Wednesday 3, Derby County 1; Tottenham Hotspur 2, West Ham United 1; Wimbledon 3, Arsenal 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	21	16	3	2	51	11	43
Nottingham Forest	20	13	4	3	44	16	43
Arsenal	20	12	4	4	30	20	40
Manchester U.	21	10	3	8	33	32	38
Everton	20	10	7	3	32	17	37
QPR	22	10	6	6	27	27	36
Wimbledon	21	9	6	5	31	31	34
Chelsea	22	8	5	9	31	36	33
Luton	21	8	4	9	27	25	32
Southampton	21	7	7	7	31	31	28
Tottenham	22	8	4	10	32	38	28
Sheff. Wed.	22	8	3	11	25	36	27
West Ham	21	6	8	7	23	32	26
Newcastle	21	6	7	8	24	33	25
Derby County	21	6	6	9	19	23	24
Coventry	21	6	6	9	24	39	22
Oxford	22	6	4	12	24	39	22
Norwich	22	6	3	13	19	29	21
Portsmouth	22	4	8	10	19	30	20
Cardiff	22	4	4	14	21	34	18
Watford	22	4	6	11	14	28	18

**DIVISION TWO** — Aston Villa 1, Huddersfield Town 1; Blackburn Rovers 1, Bradford City 1; Bournemouth 3, West Bromwich Albion 2; Crystal Palace 2, Reading 3; Leeds United 2, Middlesbrough 0; Millwall 3, Sheffield United 1; Oldham Athletic 1, Hull City 2; Plymouth Argyle 4, Leicester City 0; Shrewsbury Town 0, Birmingham City 0; Stoke City 1, Manchester City 3; Swindon Town 4, Ipswich Town 2.

League 4, Leicester City at away ground, 12/12/2001							
City	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
City 3, Swindon Town 2	26	14	7	5	56	17	49
Middlesbrough	26	14	7	5	56	17	49
Bradford City	26	14	6	4	41	29	48
Aston Villa	26	12	10	4	35	27	45
Crystal Palace	26	10	3	7	32	27	43
Millwall	26	14	3	3	45	34	45
Hull City	22	12	9	4	37	28	43
Manchester City	22	12	6	4	37	25	42
Ipswich	22	12	6	4	37	34	42
Blackburn Rovers	22	11	9	5	32	24	42
Leeds United	21	7	7	7	31	31	41
Swindon	20	11	4	5	45	35	37
Barnley	24	10	6	8	37	30	36
Plymouth Argyle	20	9	8	3	32	28	35
Birmingham City	20	9	7	10	26	37	34
Stoke City	20	9	6	11	28	33	33
Bournemouth	20	9	6	11	28	33	33
Sheff. Utd.	20	7	10	13	29	41	27
Oldham Athletic	25	6	7	12	31	44	26
West Bromwich Albion	24	6	5	13	29	46	23
Leicester City A	26	6	5	15	31	50	21



## NATIONAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

## Inflation

November Consumer Price Index (baseline: 1985=100)  
 November inflation rate  
 September - November Rate (in annual terms)  
 Twelve months to November  
 Price index for inputs in residential building (baseline October 1983 = 100)  
 November change in index  
 Change since beginning of year  
 Wholesale price index (baseline: 1977 = 100)  
 November change in index  
 Change since beginning of year

1987	1986
187.0	180.7
+1.6%	+2.3%
+17.2%	+32.9%
+16.4%	+19.4%
2,601.4	2,102.3
+2.6%	+3.1%
22.9%	23.2%
2,641.3	2,194.8
+1.6%	+1.0%
19.3%	14.3%

## Wages

Average gross wage (July-Sept.)  
 Change in real wages:  
 from previous quarter  
 from year earlier

NIS 1,440	
+1.4%	
+8.2%	

## Exchange Rates

Rate of shekel to basket (as of December 24)  
 Rate of shekel to dollar (as of December 24)

1987	1986
NIS 1,7083	NIS 1,4978
NIS 1,5517	NIS 1,4836

## Unemployment

Number of jobless (seasonally adjusted)  
 Unemployment (as per cent of labour force)

July-Sept.	April-June
103,000	87,000
6.9%	5.9%

## Government Finance

Monetary injection (+) absorption (-)  
 November  
 Since beginning of fiscal year

1987	1986
-NIS 822m.	+NIS 40m.
-NIS 414m.	+NIS 179m.

## Foreign Trade &amp; Finance

November:  
 Trade deficit  
 Merchandise exports  
 Merchandise imports  
 First 11 months:  
 Trade deficit  
 Merchandise exports  
 Merchandise imports  
 Foreign currency reserves (end of November)

1987	1986
\$240.5m.	\$273.0m.
\$905.5m.	\$985.7m.
\$1,050.	\$988.7m.
\$2.99b.	\$2.23b.
\$7.34b.	\$6.21b.
\$1,03b.	\$8.44b.
\$5.32b.	\$4.26b.



## Import barriers keep Israeli shoe costs high

By KEN SCHACHTER

For The Jerusalem Post  
 TEL AVIV - Israeli consumers are being "absolutely ripped off" by protectionist policies designed to shield local manufacturers of sport shoes, a shoe company representative maintains. The government policies, he said, have set the stage for huge markups on both foreign and domestic-made sport shoes.

Leon Brenner, a footwear representative whose clients include British-based Inter Shoes, declared in a recent interview that domestic shoe companies are so coddled that they barely show any interest in exporting.

It should be noted that the sport shoe company Brenner represents, Inter Shoes, does its manufacturing in the Far East, and thus falls within the 300,000-pair yearly quota imposed by the Ministry of Industry and Trade. The Far East quota amounts to slightly more than 2 per cent of the 15 million-pair Israeli shoe market.

Nevertheless, Brenner insisted that his charges are not part of a crusade to sell merchandise. "The public is being totally and absolutely

ripped off," he said. "What's happening is that companies like Mega Shoe Co. Ltd. and Gali Industries Ltd. are getting such a high price in the local markets, it doesn't pay for them to sell on the world market."

Although efforts to contact Gali officials were unsuccessful, Teddy Wadman, vice president of Koor's Consumer Division, the parent company of Mega, declared he is quite willing to export - if the price is right.

An Industry and Trade spokesman had a succinct response to the notion that the shoe industry is uninterested in exporting: "Bull."

But Brenner said he reached his conclusions based on personal experience, after a French Jew who owns a chain of retail stores asked him in September 1986 to arrange to buy 40,000 pairs of Israeli-made tennis shoes. Some Israeli manufacturers quoted prices 300 per cent higher than the \$6-\$7 per pair common in Italy, he said, while others simply stalled until he gave up in frustration.

One shoe company official, who asked not to be named, said forthrightly about the deal: "Our prices

are too high to export. We couldn't handle it."

Said Wadman: "When you export to France, you have to compete with very cheap imports from the Far East. We can't compete because of their very cheap cost of labour." But Wadman said he would look into the matter further and respond to Brenner.

From the Israeli consumer's point of view, Brenner said, retail prices for sport shoes can be kept artificially high because there's no need to meet competition from the Far East. "A pair of Mega Jets or Gali Flights shouldn't cost more than a maximum of NIS 17 to make, including overhead, profit and a 3 per cent advertising budget," he said. "Let's say the shoe goes out of the factory at NIS 17, or even NIS 20. It shouldn't retail for more than NIS 40, with a 100 per cent profit for the retailer. But shoes are being sold for NIS 60-70. So what is happening, I calculate, is that the manufacturer is selling the shoes for NIS 30-35."

Last week, the Industry Ministry further tightened the rules protecting domestic shoe producers by putting shoe uppers imported from

Southeast Asia under the list of products that require an import licence.

A ministry spokesman said import curbs are imposed for three reasons: as retaliation against Far Eastern countries that limit imports from Israel, as a counterweight against those countries that subsidize their footwear industry and simply to protect domestic manufacturers.

At the same time, he noted, there are no quotas on imports from the U.S. and Europe.

While quotas can contain the threat from the Far East, Israeli footwear manufacturers are also feeling the heat a lot closer to home. "We have to compete with all the Arabs," Wadman said. "They're marketing shoes all over Europe. They compete with us in Israel and they prevent us from selling in the West Bank [because of their lower price]. The market is about 15 million pairs, so if they manufacture more, we'll manufacture less." Indeed, some Israeli shoe manufacturers take advantage of the wage differential by having their uppers stitched in Arab villages.

But here too, the government is stepping in to protect Israeli producers. The ministry spokesman said several actions have been taken against West Bank shoe manufacturers, most notably regulations requiring Hebrew labels.

Given the circumstances, it's virtually impossible to ascertain whether removal of quotas and other barriers would make Israeli footwear makers more competitive or whether, as has happened in the U.S., the domestic industry would shrivel up. In any case, Brenner finds irony in Industry Ministry rules that seem to protect domestic shoe manufacturers, but undermine the hallowed Israeli goal of export-oriented industries.

## BANKING ON IT/Pinhas Landau

## The idled rich

Unemployment is not usually a topic to excite much professional interest among investment counsellors - or so you might think. But you would be wrong. To close out the year that opened with the Japhet pension scandal, included the demise of the Lavi, and ended with some grudging realization that unemployment is going to be a bigger issue than inflation from now on, it is appropriate to highlight a new phenomenon in the Israeli economy: the newly idle newly rich.

The minister phrase "efficiency measures" has come to cover a variety of methods which all boil down to the same thing - shaking out staff. In many cases, especially

Perhaps the first investment firm to identify and address this problem is Ofek Securities and Investments. Since it is a Leumi subsidiary, cynics might find it appropriate that Ofek was quick to see the emerging need. Whatever the case, Ofek recently unveiled a comprehensive investment guidance package to the newly enriched but confused ex-employee.

The firm offers three stages in its money-doctor approach. In the first place, persons feeling unwell from sudden over-wealth receive an overall check-up of their total portfolio, including past investments and assets of all sorts. This is free, and is done with the help of Ofek's proprietary software, which analyzes the portfolio along the lines of types of investment (index-linked, dollar-linked, etc.), degree of risk and other investment parameters.

Then comes the question of what to do with the new money. If the customer wants to arrange his portfolio so that it generates an income stream for a specific period of time, Ofek's counsellors suggest ways to do that, showing how different levels of income will eat into the real capital at differing speeds.

These customers are invited back for regular check-ups to see if changing market conditions have created the need to adjust the pattern of investments. If a customer does not need the money to generate current income, Ofek will build his new money into his existing portfolio of assets, or rebuild the whole lot from scratch to suit his declared aims, needs and taste for risk.

Nahum Eshel, Ofek's general manager, says his company has been active at several major Israeli employers including Israel Aircraft Industries, the IDF and Hadasah. He sees his main advantage as being the overall investment perspective that Ofek can offer. Instead of the specific plans plucked by banks, insurance companies and others. The nature of his business also requires him to build an ongoing relationship with his clients, rather than simply sell them something and leave it at that.

Regrettably as it may be, especially for the people involved who would usually prefer to keep their places of work and not have to receive large sums of money, it is likely that Ofek, and any competitors in the field, will have plenty of work coming their way.

## The recipients of redundancy pay, early pension, a golden handshake, and all the other forms of paying people to go, find themselves with a problem as big as the cheque they receive

where the firm undertaking the efficiency measures is not in a terminal state, the objects of the measures themselves can come away with quite large sums of money. In extreme cases, of course, the lavish use of golden parachutes can turn being kicked out on your butt into a short-cut to millionaire status, as the current court case between Bank Leumi and its former general manager, Yisrael Rauch, illustrates very clearly (see story on page 9).

The recipients of redundancy pay, early pension, a golden handshake, and all the other forms of paying people to go, find themselves with a problem as big as the cheque they receive: What to do with the money. In most cases they have no option of going on a wild spending spree, but must use the money to tide them over until they can find a new place of employment or even, if they are too old or otherwise unemployable, for the rest of their lives. Investing wisely in these circumstances becomes a matter of crucial importance.

## Airlines say they can handle '88 tourist rush

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The airlines serving Israel are adequately prepared for the flood of tourists expected next year for Israel's 40th anniversary, a spokesman for the Panel of Airline Representatives told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

He was responding to Tourism Minister Avraham Shari's recent claim that it would be impossible to get a seat on flights to Israel next year. But all 16 airlines represented on the panel insist they can accommodate the expected increase - except perhaps during the Easter and Christmas bottleneck periods when there are a lot of last-minute reservations - the spokesman said.

This assessment, he added, had been conveyed in a report presented two months ago to Transport Minister Haim Corfu, and it had been repeated to Shari at a recent meeting between him and the Panel's executive officers.

Most of the airline companies, including El Al, are planning to increase the number of seats in planes and are prepared if there are a significant increase in reservations to introduce additional flights. So far, said the spokesman, the airlines were coping quite well.

## 'Forgiving 3rd World debt would aid world economy'

LONDON (Reuters) - The idea that Third World countries may never pay off all their debts has finally come out of the closet and some economists say it might be best for the global economy if they were indeed forgiven.

At a November Latin American summit in Acapulco and an Organization of African Unity debt summit in Addis Ababa in December, debtors suggested that at least some debt just be wiped off the books.

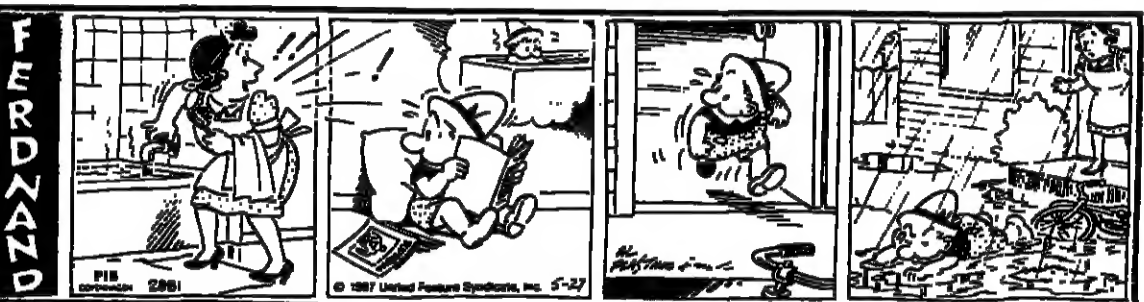
That surprised few economists. And now, a few American banks, led by the Bank of Boston, have decided to write off chunks of their Third World loans. The ninth-biggest American bank, First Interstate Bancorp of Los Angeles, has suggested forgiving part of Argentina's debt.

"It suggests that more and more people are recognizing that the old approach of just rescheduling debt is tired and creaking and isn't getting us anywhere," said Percy Mistry, a senior fellow in international economics at Oxford University. It is merely keeping much of the Third World, a large part of the global economy, in recession.

Giving debtors a break so that they stop paying so much to their creditors and start investing and spending more on themselves, could be a big opportunity to get the whole world economy growing again.

"Almost any econometric model will tell you that if we could get six to seven per cent growth in Latin America, we'd almost automatically get three to 3-1/2 per cent growth in the OECD countries," Mistry said. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development said on December 22 that economic growth for the 24 rich nations which are its members would be just 2.75 per cent next year, falling to 2.25 per cent next year and 1.75 per cent in 1989.

"Now is exactly the wrong time to add to debtors' burden. Now, the world economy needs a boost," economist Mistry said.



## CROSSWORD

## ACROSS

- Hot meals (7)
- A charge made by river boards (7)
- The objective of the shy (7)
- A hold-up a worker finds very hard (7)
- Go too far about an open stretch of water (9)
- Laze about and do little, from the sound of it (5)
- More craft turned back, no longer being at the forefront (5)
- Butting badly, get runs and he'll revolt (5)
- Well it's not used as a form of transport (9)
- Sounds that make a Greek character almost ill (5)
- Payment commonly secured by a twist (5)
- Being seated, one's given a meal about one and so content (9)
- About to accept retiring associate's suite (7)
- China, where there's many a crime organisation (7)
- The most fussy holy man keeps the accounts (7)
- Hold spellbound by the hour in a Lent celebration (7)

## DOWN

- Go riding around on the wind (7)
- Though a little eccentric, he's the most prosperous (7)
- Private hotel bearing the royal insignia (5)
- Appearing to suit in a new job (9)
- Guy turned about clutching a note with which to get fruit (5)
- Having caught the spirit, beat it! (5-4)
- A number will take a cereal from sheer greed (7)
- Withdraw 13, being over-weight (7)
- Once a wall's built it's taken into account (9)
- A sight sometimes better seen in pairs (9)
- Maintains a rising pressure (7)
- This could well go to a father's head (7)
- Cook about 50, plainly on a good diet (7)
- Additional provision made by a willing individual (7)
- Set about the French unpleasant conditions (5)
- Trip over rut in the street so walk stiffly (5)

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

STAMPING GROUND  
 HORSEMAN TAPER  
 T L T I F P O  
 ELIA UNBASTINERS  
 A B C L E R S  
 CONSTITUTIONALISTS  
 A A S P O A T  
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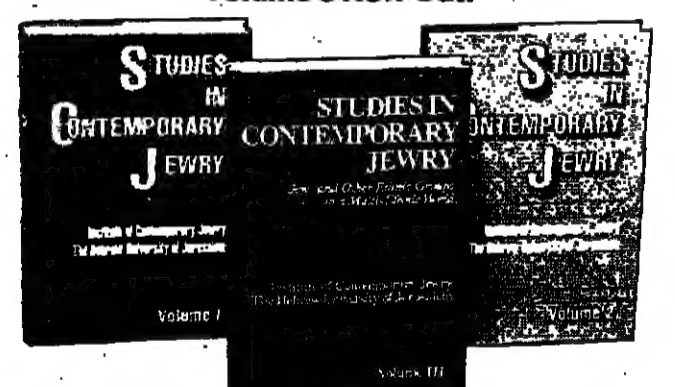
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## Disruptions expected in northern branches

## Mizrahi wage talks collapse

By PINHAS LANDAU

United Mizrahi Bank workers will disrupt work today in branches in the bank's northern region as they hold meetings protesting the collapse of wage talks with management.

Yesterday the staff committees held similar meetings in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv branches, causing severe disruptions during working hours, especially in the busy Ben-Yehuda branch.

The wage negotiations fell apart near midnight on Sunday when a marathon bargaining session that had been expected to yield a signed agreement ended with the two sides further apart than before it began.

Both sides said afterwards that the discussions had centered on the recently signed wage agreement at Bank Leumi but gave different accounts about what the outstanding issues were.

According to Mizrahi spokesman Ya'acov Eliav, management offered the same percentage wage increases as Leumi employees had won, namely 7 per cent for this year and a further 5 per cent for 1988. In addition, the advance already paid on account of a future wage deal, worth half a monthly salary, would not have been deducted from the settlement.

The staff committee, according to management, held out for the same absolute shekel increase as their Leumi colleagues are due to receive, which would translate into a rise of around 11 per cent in the context of Mizrahi's salary system.

"Lies and falsehoods," retorted Staff Committee Chairman Shmuel Yabloni, when The Jerusalem Post quoted management's version. "We have been negotiating patiently and with great restraint for six months. We have gradually reduced our

claims from 22 per cent, while management hasn't budged from an offer worth 3.5-4.5 per cent.

"We would accept the Leumi agreement to the letter, and that's what we proposed on Sunday night, but they wouldn't offer anything worth more than about 4.5 per cent," Yabloni explained.

Mizrahi's staff committee declared a work dispute at the beginning of the month, but have yet to take industrial action.

Now, however, the pressure is to be stepped up. "We are still asking management to sit down and reach a fair agreement. If they don't, then within a couple of days we will take tougher measures," Yabloni warned last night.

"It looks like there will be a week or two of tussling, and in the end there will probably be no alternative but to take the whole thing to arbitration," Eliav predicted.

## Living standard is up 20% from 2 years ago

By AVI TEMKIN

The standard of living of Israel's population in the third quarter of the year was 20 per cent higher than in the second quarter of 1985 — the eve of the economic stabilization plan — figures released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics showed.

The figure was almost one third above its level at the beginning of the decade.

The bureau reported that per capita private consumption rose 2 per cent in July-September from the previous three-month period. Meanwhile, per capita consumption of consumer durables rose 7 per cent, a pace that translates into an annual increase of 31 per cent. Most

of the increase was due to purchase of domestic appliances.

Consumption of services, such as hotels, restaurants and entertainment, rose 2 per cent in per capita terms in the quarter from the previous quarter.

The bureau said the standard of living rose 6 per cent in the first nine months of the year from the same period last year. Large increases, of some 16 to 18 per cent, were registered in spending by Israelis abroad, and in the purchase of perfumes, books, theatre tickets and clothing.

The purchase of durables rose 8 per cent in January-September from the same period last year, including a 12 per cent rise in the purchase of private cars.

## Europeans prefer 4 stars

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

European tourists opted increasingly for four-star hotels over cheaper alternatives, figures released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics showed.

In a trend that ran counter to industry views that there is a growing demand for three-star facilities, the bureau reported that the number of European tourists staying in four-star hotels was ahead 39 per cent in the first nine months of the year compared with the same time last year. That compared with a 33 per cent increase in overall hotel room nights registered by tourists from

Europe and 34 per cent for overall tourism.

Most encouraging to hoteliers was the increase in room nights by American tourists. Following last year's 43 per cent slump in the January-September period, 1987 registered an increase of 35 per cent.

Increasing tourism from January to September rose 24 per cent, while the number of Israelis going abroad grew 16 per cent. And at home, Israeli tourists showed a preference for less expensive hotels. While hotel room nights for Israelis showed a moderate 3 per cent increase, there was a 9 per cent drop in Israeli room nights in five-star hotels.

## Homemade Adidas

Mega Shoe Co. will start producing Adidas sport shoes under license in 1988, Teddy Wadman, vice president for the Koor Consumer Group, which owns Mega, said recently.

Wadman said he was unsure about the volume involved in the licensing deal with the West German manufacturer. "The problem is

capacity," he said. "We have to save room for Mega." Mega will produce those Adidas shoes "suitable for the Israeli market," Wadman said, but other parts of the Adidas line will continue to be imported.

Koor also plans to move production of Alexander's Shoes, which was acquired when its owners encountered financial problems, to its Mega factory in Jerusalem.

## Mivnei Ta'asiya offer to get nod soon

Post Finance Reporter

The Securities Authority is expected to approve this Thursday the revised preliminary prospectus of Mivnei Ta'asiya, the next state-owned company to have its shares floated on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

The prospectus has been held up for some time by the Securities Authority because of major problems in the way the company presented its financial statements. The standard investigation conducted by authority officials led to no less than four versions of Mivnei Ta'asiya's 1986 results.

By the final calculation the NIS 6.5 million net profit initially reported was found to be in fact a massive loss of NIS 10.9m.

The authority's sub-committee in charge of examining share prospectuses, however, says it is now satisfied with the statements, although it

privately professes shock at the thought that without its work, the public would have had a completely inaccurate picture of Mivnei Ta'asiya's books.

The government Companies Authority nevertheless expects that, despite the loss that the company will report in its prospectus and the damage the investigation caused, the Mivnei Ta'asiya issue will be successfully launched in early 1988. The issue, however, is contingent on conditions in the Tel Aviv market.

The Companies Authority is also hopeful that the delays that have held up the planned share issue of the Naphta Ltd. fuel company will soon be resolved. The Securities Authority has demanded that Naphta formalize its business relationship with another state-owned company, Magal Enterprises Ltd., which owns the pipeline through which Naphta pumps gas to indus-

tries in the Dead Sea area.

The Securities Authority has also required Naphta to reach an agreement with its parent company, Lapidot Corp., over management fees. In the meantime, the deadline for issuing a prospectus using the company's half-yearly figures to June 1987 has passed, and Naphta has had to prepare a more up-to-date report.

The revised Naphta prospectus will be ready within a month, according to Securities Authority sources. Naphta's shares are already registered on the TASE, and the new issue, if successful, will increase the public's stake in the company to 15-20 per cent.

Negotiations for the sale of the Paz Oil Co. are stymied because of uncertainty over the shape of the oil market reform that is still being haggled over by the Energy Ministry and the three oil companies.

## DOLLAR

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"counterproductive."

"The United States wants to see stability in the dollar," White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said. Before the start of the European day, the Bank of Japan had also intervened in the market.

In Tokyo trading, the dollar fell to its ninth record-low closing in 14 days, tumbling to 123.55 yen from Friday's record low of 125.2 yen. Later in London, the dollar was quoted even lower, at 123.1 yen.

Other late European dollar rates, compared with rates last Thursday before financial markets closed for Christmas:

- 1.594 marks, down from 1.6285
- 1.2888 Swiss francs, down from 1.3228
- 5.4145 French francs, down from 5.505
- 1.795 Dutch guilders, down from 1.832
- 1,162.025 Italian lire, down from 1,199
- 1.304 Canadian dollars, down from 1.3073

In Europe, the British pound was quoted at \$1.861 late yesterday, higher than last Thursday's London rate of \$1.832.

Gold rose in Zurich to a late bid price of \$489.50, up from \$489.80 last Thursday.

## NOTICE

Financial markets in London, including foreign currency trading, were closed yesterday for the Boxing Day holiday.

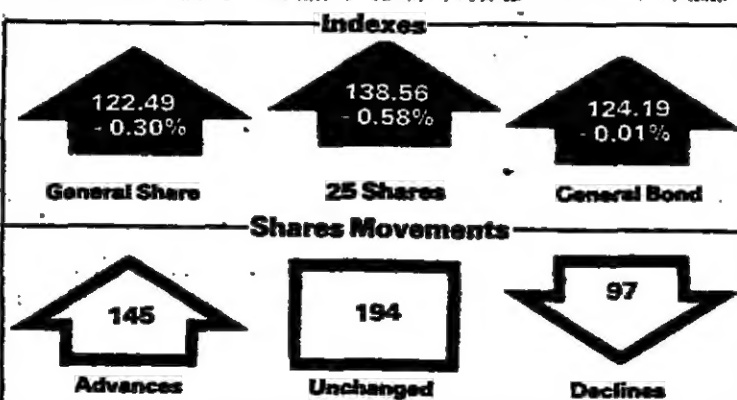
## Rise sought in Agriculture Bank capital

Eyebrows were raised in the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday, after Treasury officials asked to increase the paid-up capital of the Agriculture Bank by NIS 12.5 million.

The panel decided not to hold a vote and to delay its decision until learning further details about the request.

The MKs were puzzled by the Treasury move, since in October a subcommittee had approved a proposal to merge Agriculture Bank with the Industrial Development Bank. At that time, the subcommittee was told by the Treasury and the Bank of Israel that the Agriculture Bank could not operate with its current paid-up capital, some NIS 20m, but that the Treasury did not want to increase it. That was one of the reasons behind the decision to sell the bank's shares to the Industrial Development Bank.

Sources at the committee said yesterday that the Treasury had reconsidered its position on the merger and was now engaged in what is expected to be long negotiations on the sale of its shares in the Agriculture Bank to the Industrial Development Bank. For that reason the Treasury needs to ensure the continued operation of the Agriculture Bank, they said.



## Selected Prices

Name	Price	Volume NIS	% change	Summit	15890	2	-1.3
<b>Commercial Banks</b>							
(last part of arrangement)							
OTB				340	3661		
Martinez 0.1	1470	1512	+0.3	Adgar	516	2562	-0.2
General non-arr.	15500	47		Angaman	10080	29	+5.8
RBI	8255	1021		Daria Gold	1650	2219	+1.6
<b>Commercial Banks</b>							
(part of arrangement)							
IDB	102000	326	+0.3	Lidza	830		
Union 0.1	76340	104		Polgar	242	6751	-5.2
Discount	131200	355	+0.3	Usher Sabrina	1023	2334	
Mizrahi	42350	883		Global 0.1 r	7800	84	
Hapoelim r	69800	1546	+0.4	Ward/Cable	300	8011	-3.6
General A	17946	890	+1.0	Secur Cable 5.0	1285	507	
Lumi 100.0	44350	2346	+0.3	Elect 1	2100	362	
Fin. Trade	588100	10	+0.7	F bot	205000	17	
<b>Mortgage Banks &amp; Finance</b>							
(Leumi Mor. r)							
Leumi Mor. r	8730	63		Elect 0.1	2010	500	
Dev. Mor.	2345	380	-0.2	Int 1	15700	76	
Mahlan r	3680	28		Spectronic 1.0	1020	8550	
Avner r	17946	40	-2.1	T.A.T. 1.0	890	206	
Morav r	8000	4	+2.2	P.V. Cal	195	7878	
Lumi ind.	12650	51		Ackerstein 1.0	559	102	
Cl. Lending 0.1	26550	22	+1.0	Agan	1600	1500	
<b>Investment Companies</b>							
(Wolfson 1 r)							
Wolfson 1 r	116000			Bilance	1050		
<b>Investment Companies</b>							
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Wolfson 1 r	116000			Gal Indus. 1.0	415		
<b>Investment Companies</b>							
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Wolfson 1 r	116000			Fertilizers 0.1	4280	210	
<b>Investment Companies</b>							
(Wolfson 1 r)							
Wolfson 1 r	116000			Heil Chemicals	622	602	
<b>Investment Companies</b>							
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Wolfson 1 r	116000			Perfume	545	3082	
<b>Investment Companies</b>							
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Wolfson 1 r	116000			Fraserdon	80000	590	-7.7
<b>Investment Companies</b>							
(Wolfson 1 r)							
Wolfson 1 r	116000			Koor	7500	7900	
<b>Investment Companies</b>							
(Wolfson 1 r)							
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## Statistics

## Stock Indices

General Share Index	124.19	+0.26
Non-arranged	121.96	+0.02
Arrangement Banks	121.96	+0.33
Mortgage Banks	141.22	-0.46
Financial Inst.	128.77	-0.08
Insurance	92.87	+0.28
Commerce & Services	127.88	+0.28
Real Estate & Agri.	128.18	-0.27
Industries	116.21	+0.32
Food & Tobacco	120.43	-0.27
Textiles	120.87	-0.17
Metals	128.27	-0.17
Electronics	84.79	-0.20
Chemicals	128.18	-0.27
Industrial Invest.	166.88	-0.40
Investment Cos.	142.08	-0.68
Oil Exploration	93.85	-1.63
Paral List	65.47	-0.71

## Bond Indices

Index-linked Bonds	124.56	+0.07
Fully linked	126.67	+0.04
Partially linked	121.06	-0.13
Foreign Currency	117.68	-0.51
PC denominated	113.08	-0.48
FC linked	118.89	-0.52
Short-term 0-2 yrs	120.87	-0.17
Short-term 2-5 yrs	123.56	-0.06
Medium-term 5-7 yrs	126.56	-0.12
Long-term 7-10 yrs	127.92	-0.01
Turnovers		
Total Shares	NIS 12,504,700	
Non-arrangement	NIS 8,568,300	
Arrangement	NIS 4,256,400	
Bonds	NIS 8,663,200	
Treasury Bills	NIS 16,741,900	
Share Movements		
Advances	145	(99)
of which 5% -	14	(12)
Declines	97	(166)
of which 5% -	7	(12)
Unchanged	3	(11)
Trading List	43	(46)
Bond Market Trends		
Index-linked	Fe to 1%	
3% fully linked	Stabilized to 0.5%	
4.25% fully linked	Stabilized to 0.5%	
6% linked	Stabilized to 0.5%	
Double linked	Fe to 1%	
Rimon	Stabilized slightly	
Gilboa	15.1-15.1	
Arrangement Yields		
IDB ord	10.13%	
Union 0.1	12.38%	
Discount	10.14%	
Mizrahi R.	9.95%	
General A.	10.15%	
Laumi Stock	10.23%	
Fin. Trade 1	12.14%	

## 25 Shares

Name	Price	Volume	NIS	% change
First Internat'l	7559	342		
Hazmat r	260	4357		
Cl. Trading	475	4734		
Supera R	9752	52		-0.80
Delat r	26554	38		-1.50
Africa-Int. 1.0	11088	3403		
Arzom	69195	18		-0.20
Prod. & Building	69195	18		-0.20
Cl. R Estate	69195	18		-0.20
Elite	13701	72		
Polgar R	758	562		
Int. Can Co. 0.1	4083	120		-0.30
Tevon	21255	6		-1.00
Devel Sea	8952	214		-1.00
Petrochem	2631	1681		+1.80
APM	30694	6		-0.50
Central Trade	15078	70		-0.80
Cl. Industries	241	4012		-0.40
IDB Develop.	7727	301		+0.50
Elron	984	539		-0.50
Israel Corp.	4198	940		
Discount Invest	2037	1384		
Cl. I.D.	1307	3952		

## DEM JANKU ON TRIAL

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black and white. "I asked Dr. Angel and later Dr. Ortner — about my methodology, and his reply was that my approach was correct."

Chumak, however, saw matters in a different light. He said Smith's action amounted to a suppression of evidence.

Although his questions were tough, Chumak's manner throughout remained calm, smooth and professional. At one stage court president Dov Levin complimented him and said: "I appreciate the elegance of your remarks and your dignity, which compare well with the winning tone of Mr. Shefiel."

As the questioning proceeded, Chumak quoted from another letter Ortner wrote Smith last January. One key paragraph read:

"It is important to emphasize that I have had little experience with this type of forensic identification. Furthermore, that experience is more anecdotal than scientific. I have discussed the general problems of photographic interpretation with experts at the FBI and they confirm my own opinion that making positive identification between photographs is a very difficult thing to do unless there is some distinctive feature, such as a scar or mole or other unique feature. There are, simply too many cases of mistaken identification on record to have very much confidence on identification based on comparison of photographs."

Chumak exploited to the full the impact of the last sentence. Replied Smith: "I felt that the FBI simply compared photos. They had nothing to offer in terms of methodology. I considered their report as

irrelevant."

In reply to another question she said that if she had been asked about the Ortner letter, she would have disclosed its contents. "Dr. Ortner is an expert on signs of disease in skeletons. He's only an occasional forensic expert, and as far as I know not for living people."

At one stage during the questioning Chumak said to Smith:

"You must have danced with joy when you identified the Trawnik photo with Demjanjuk."

"Not at all," replied Smith in her cool, even voice.

At another stage, when Smith said that she had already answered a certain question Chumak put to her, he burst out: "Oh no, you didn't."

Commented Levin: "I am disappointed to see that Dr. Smith succeeded in upstaging your equanimity. I didn't think it was possible. Pity."

Chumak did not react.

Then again, towards the end of the session, Chumak let himself go another time: "I know she's a dentist, and examining her is like pulling teeth."

Levin: "You should withdraw that remark."

Chumak: "I will."

In a final question Chumak asked Smith whether she had disregarded the Ortner and FBI letters because they were at odds with her own findings. Answered Smith: "They supported my preliminary study and it would have been unfair to use these reports."

There was no cross-examination by the prosecution.

Today's witness, Yitzhak Almagor, will testify regarding the Vlasov army.

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## Ramon: Moratorium on compulsory loans

Post Economic Reporter

The government should declare a moratorium on at least part of the NIS 1.6 billion in compulsory loans maturing next year, MK Haim Ramon (Alignment) said yesterday. He added that the government's internal debts represented a time bomb similar to the bank shares.

Ramon was speaking at a meeting of the Knesset State Control Committee, which was dealing with the rescheduling of the government's in-

ternal debt. MK Dan Tichon (Likud) said every "generation of senior officials" tried to evade the issue, hoping it would not explode in its hands.

But some MKs warned that proposals to waive part of the debts would be harmful. MK Yehoshua Matza (Likud) said the government must maintain its credibility. It should first show efforts to increase its efficiency before demanding sacrifices from the public.

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## Arabs as Israelis

THANKS, as it were, to last week's none-too-peaceful "Peace Day" show of their solidarity with rioting fellow-Palestinians in the territories, Israel's own Arabs led the agenda of the cabinet's regular session on Sunday.

The normally quiescent Arabs do not very often engage the close attention of the country's political leadership. They tend to be taken more or less for granted. Until, that is, such a day as that day last week, when they indicated by their behaviour that such an official attitude was not too helpful. It was only then that the prime minister deemed it right for the cabinet to take up the "problem" of Israel Arabs, and to examine the lessons of "Peace Day." On the understanding, however, that ministers would comply with Mr. Shamir's request for due "discretion" in discussing the issue with the media later on.

Fortunately, not all ministers complied. For if the Israel-Arab issue is to be tackled at all, and not in the absurdly alarmist terms employed by Mr. Shamir immediately following the Arab-Israel strike, the traditional curtain of coy indifference surrounding it must first be removed.

Are Israel Arabs incorrigibly disloyal to the state of which they are citizens, as more than a few Israel Jews believe? That a die-hard element within the Arab community would fit such a description cannot be denied. That this element needs to be carefully watched is plain enough. But it is not these Arabs who set the tone in the community.

The belligerence of Israel Arabs, as it is perceived by so many Jews, is due for the most part to the community's ever-growing "Palestinianization." And this is a direct result of Israel's own deliberate erasure of the Green Line, and of what Israel Arabs perceive as calculated denial to them of equal democratic rights which are theirs on paper, or in theory. Are the Arab grievances false, and unjustified?

The cabinet debate, as reported, showed some recognition on both the ministerial "left" and "right" that the grievances are at the very least not entirely fabricated. To the minds of more ministers, however, the truly burning issue appears to have been the supposedly illegitimate engagement in politics of the national committee of Arab local authorities, organizer of "Peace Day."

It took Ezer Weizman, a former holder of the Arab affairs post in the Prime Minister's Office, to observe that the council of Jewish settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, an equivalent body, had for years dabbled in annexationist politics without anyone taking umbrage.

Apparently, what is fit for a Jew, even in the territories, to do, is not fit for an Arab inside Israel proper. And rightly so, too, in the opinion of Ariel Sharon. Except that present de facto Arab disabilities are to Mr. Sharon's mind wholly inadequate. Because Arabs, who are Israel citizens, shirk the normal civic obligations, notably service in the army, they should, according to Mr. Sharon, be stripped of their civic rights, presumably including the right to vote in Knesset elections, until they do their duties. Jews, on the other hand, or so it would seem, all carry out their civic obligations.

It was rather symbolic that but one day after the cabinet debate the Likud's Knesset faction executive endorsed, even if subject to reconsideration, an amendment to Basic Law: the Knesset, suggested by Mr. Sharon's Herut crony David Magen, that would prohibit the use of Arabic in parliament, except by the chairman's leave or when the speaker knows no Hebrew. The mere thought that it was viewed as a contribution to the settlement of the problem posed by a 700,000-strong Arab community in Israel, is unsettling.

But then, perhaps, since it did not amount to a call for a "voluntary" transfer of the Arabs, it was considered liberal.

## A modest proposal

IT APPEARS that there is a gap, not very sizable but hard to bridge, between the demands of ministers charged with the administration of health, education and welfare, in the main, and the readiness of the finance minister to accommodate them. Whenever the cabinet takes up the subject of the budget, as it has been doing for the past three weeks, the debate threatens to slide into that gap.

Is there really no way to close it? Here is one simple, modest proposal. A committee on tax reform headed by Hebrew University professor Eytan Sheshinski has for some time now been considering the abolition of a number of tax exemptions, the only justification for the durability of which has been past failure to get them abolished. Take the capital gains exemption. It might, all by itself, bridge the gap.

Surely with some assist from the tax reform committee, the Treasury could devise a solution.

## THE MORNING AFTER

One of Israel's most cherished values, its "purity of arms" (*tohar hameshek*) has been tested in recent weeks, and found wanting. You don't have to be a "dove" to feel deep concern. Even a diehard hardliner like Haim Corfu gave voice to his discomfort (*The Jerusalem Post*, Friday, December 25) over the IDF's use of live ammunition to control the rioting in the West Bank and Gaza.

Now, another essential element of our democratic society, the judicial process, is facing a daunting challenge in hastily erected detention centres and military tribunals throughout the administered territories.

That challenge must be recognized regardless of political perspectives. Summary justice must not become arbitrary justice. Israel's solid judicial tradition, zealously preserved and protected by the Supreme Court, gives good reason for reassurance.

But being seen to be done is itself a principle of justice. It is that principle which is in danger of being compromised under the pressure of mass-production prosecutions and super-speedy sentencing.

Justice must be seen to be done — by defendants, by their counsel who claim they cannot adequately defend the sudden glut of clients, by the prosecution and the citizens of the State they represent, and by the watching world.

DAVID LANDAU and YEHUDA LITANI

FOLLOWING the recent meeting of the Labour Party's so-called "Central Stream" in Ma'aleh Efrayim, the party doves met last Saturday at Beit Berl to ponder the recent wave of disturbances in the territories.

The group — *Habama Leberurim Polit'im*, organized by Israel Gati, head of the International Department of the Labour Party, Ya'acov Gil, who expects to replace Simcha Dinitz soon in the Knesset, and MK Aharon Harel, director of the Labour Party ideological centre at Beit Berl — has several impressive spokesmen.

First and foremost there is Abba Eban, always eloquent and witty. Next there is Ezer Weizman (who didn't turn up as a protest against the party's policy concerning the Arabs), whose concrete proposals are usually highly controversial. Former minister of justice Haim Zadok presents the doves' position in the most precise and concise, even if slightly dry, form. And while MK Ora Namir adds a touch of human compassion, Prof. Yirmiyahu Yovel of the Hebrew University tries to follow in the footsteps of his namesake, the prophet Jeremiah, though he lacks the latter's fire and rhetorical force.

The Labour doves share with the rest of the party members a firm belief in the need for a solution based on territorial compromise and the eventual establishment of a Jordanian-Palestinian state comprising Transjordan and most of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. They are, however, much stauncher supporters of the Shimon Peres international peace conference plan than the party's other members, and maintain closer contacts with personalities in the occupied territories, including some known to be associated with the PLO.

Regarding the recent violent

# Labour's fluttering doves

Susan Hattis Rolef

demonstrations in the territories and inside Israel, they agree that the defence forces must restore order and use whatever means are necessary to do so, but the doves are more sensitive to the use of excessive force and inclined to pay greater attention to the deeper causes of the disturbances than to the immediate events which triggered them off.

As Abba Eban pointed out in the Knesset debate on the subject on December 16, "It doesn't matter which match set fire to the explosives, but how the explosives accumulated in the first place."

The doves are also more inclined than the rest of their colleagues to seek immediate measures for reducing the tension by alleviating its causes, rather than increase the pressure through repressive measures; and are more concerned about the effects of the continued occupation on Israel's society and its democratic system. There is a sense of urgency in their messages. While the immediate purposes of meetings such as one at Beit Berl is to make a show of force and to make the headlines in the media, their longer term goal is to influence the policy of the party and, through its leaders, the policy of the government as well.

I fear that the Beit Berl meeting failed to achieve the latter goal even though both Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres honoured it with their presence, during at least part of the proceedings, and with presentations of their opinions.

Quite naturally, Peres is more popular with the doves than Rabin, since it is Israel's official policy in the territories which they are dissat-

isfied with rather than its foreign policy. Peres's statement at Beit Berl that an insistence on direct negotiations can only mean negotiating with the PLO, and that negotiations with Jordan are only possible within the framework of an international conference, did not elicit any comment from the audience. Had Peres expressed the same opinion to doves further to the left, they would have challenged him to try direct negotiations with the PLO as the only hope for bringing about peace between ourselves and the Palestinians. But the Labour doves do not advocate talks with the PLO.

However, even though most of them are dissatisfied with Rabin's statements and policies, which they regard as being too close to those of the Likud, instead of challenging him with concrete proposals for changes in his policy, he was allowed to give a long speech which dealt with Israel's Zionist mission, the causes for the continued Arab-Israeli conflict, and the need for a long-term political solution to the problem, but not with the immediate current situation.

Of two efforts made to provoke him to give concrete answers to specific questions, one by Eban failed, and another by David Ish-Shalom, (a member of the East for Peace movement but not of the Labour Party), succeeded, only to misfire.

Eban very politely asked Rabin whether he might be willing to comment on the fact that in the government statement which he made to

the Knesset last week, the Labour position was blurred because of the need to compromise with the Likud. He was especially upset by Rabin having said that the fact that all the Israeli governments had refrained from annexing the territories was proof of the sincerity of their desire for peace. In fact, Eban said, Labour did not seek to annex the territories because it was willing to give most of them back in return for peace, and the Likud avoided annexation only to avoid giving the 1.4 million Arabs living in them full rights. Rabin failed to comment.

On the other hand, Ish-Shalom (who had been involved in the Herut's/Amirav initiative last fall and subsequently met Arafat) made a passionate plea for a dialogue to be opened with PLO representatives in the territories. He added that if Rabin would free some of these people from administrative detention, the Palestinians would undertake to stop the hostilities for three months.

Even though Ish-Shalom and another colleague had interrupted Rabin's presentation with interjections, the defence minister got up to reply, only to corner the inexperienced Ish-Shalom. He told him that in the mid-70s, when he was prime minister, he was approached by Matti Peled (today MK for the PLP) with an offer from the PLO that it would stop the hijackings of planes if he would take certain steps. Rabin agreed, but then Peled returned saying that something had happened and the deal was off.

More recently, Rabin continued, MK Abdel Wahab Darousha came up with the idea that he should stop the administrative detentions in re-

turn for a cessation of the acts of terror. Rabin told him to go and close the matter with the other side, but nothing happened. He was willing, he said to Ish-Shalom, to consider his proposal if it came as an official statement from the PLO. Of course, the PLO would never make such a public statement even if it were willing to make a deal, and Rabin knows it, but he nevertheless managed to corner Ish-Shalom.

The conclusion to be drawn is not necessarily that Rabin cannot be made to budge, but merely that gentle understatement and impassioned overstatements are the wrong means for accomplishing that.

However, the doves' weakness did not manifest itself only in their failure to tackle Rabin. They also failed to arrive at any sort of operational conclusions. A panel which should have discussed *hasbara* ended up talking about almost everything else, and Dr. Yossi Beilin, political director-general of the Foreign Ministry, was the only one who offered a few relevant words on the subject.

Again, though several participants said that instead of preaching to the converted, the doves should hold a concrete dialogue first of all with the so-called "Party hawks," no one proposed how this should be done, or what the goals of such a dialogue should be. Nor did anyone suggest that the doves ought to sit down, and work out a proposal on policy measures which the group would like to see implemented both in the territories and in the Israeli Arab sector.

Certainly doves should be able to do more than just flutter their wings!

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# The house on Nablus Road

Yisrael Medad

support of both the Alignment and Likud. To turn poll results into votes is a function of emotion as much as a matter of rationally convincing the voter of the correctness of any ideological orientation.

All this, however, is not what is worrying other Israeli politicians. For them, what may be a more important future date is January 20, 1989. On that Friday, at 12 noon, the 41st President of the United States will be sworn into office and, together with his new secretary of state, he will be able to apply pressure on Israel. What is causing experts no small amount of anxiety is that all signs are that that president will make full use of his capability.

IT IS traditional that recent U.S. presidents have attempted to take advantage of the early months in their first term to ride the white horse of peacemaking diplomacy. In addition, it is difficult to conceive that a better team than Reagan and Shultz will lead the foreign policy area of that future administration. But more than that, the behaviour of U.S. officials and the thrust of the Department of State's attitudes vis-a-vis Israel point to a negative erosion over the past several years in the normal support Israel has merited.

This erosion is most pronounced, though not exclusively, when it comes to the question of whether the territories of Judea, Samaria and Gaza will continue to be closely related to Israel or whether they will spin off into some form of Palestinian semi-sovereignty. The main areas of friction are concentrated in the activities of America's East Jerusalem consulate and their ramifications. While the cancellation of the Lavi project was a brutal eye-opener, the more subtle shifts perceived to be emanating from the house on Nablus Road are perhaps more indicative of the true policy issues which will be placed on the desk of the newly-elected president.

Since 1975, U.S. funding of projects in the territories that are sponsored by private voluntary organizations (PVOs) has steadily increased. Over the past 12 years, close to \$100 million have passed into Arab hands in an admitted long-term effort to "sustain [the U.S. government's] lead in moving all parties to this dispute towards a negotiated settlement" (House Report 94-53, 1975). It is no secret that these funds and others are intended to build up the

infrastructure of the Arab residents of the territories to enable them to assume a status of their own when, and if, talks of a peace arrangement materialize.

An interesting sidelight to this PVO funding is that conservative North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms and some of his colleagues claim that this activity is discriminatory in nature. The distribution of these moneys is not geographic but directed solely to Arabs. The 70,000 Jews living throughout Judea, Samaria and Gaza (and that figure jumps to almost 200,000 if one adopts the Arab/Palestinian view, as does the American consulate, that East Jerusalem and its neighbourhoods are "occupied territory") are excluded from the benefits of the American taxpayer's money.

To add insult to injury, the U.S. State Department has been bullying the United Israel Appeal into regarding Jewish enterprises over the Green Line as beyond the scope of its charter. The UIA's executive vice-chairman, Irving Kesler, admitted in a *Jerusalem Post* report on December 10 that there is no legal basis for the ban on the spending of UIA funds in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. What prevents the spending are calls from the American ambas-

sy in Tel Aviv, based on the reports supplied by the East Jerusalem consulate.

ANOTHER element on the agenda of the house on Nablus Road is the crusade to back Mubarak Awad, the self-appointed Palestinian "Martin Luther King." It may have escaped me but I have neither seen nor heard Awad in the streets or the media pleading that his brothers desert from throwing stones and Molotov cocktails and avoid all forms of violence. Indeed, that would run counter to his interpretation of Palestinian nationalism which may explain why the American East Jerusalem consulate was targeted for a few firebombs during the recent riots.

The truth is that Awad views himself as the complementary factor to terror. This "side-by-side" component of his strategy reveals his initial intentions to legitimize the PLO. His preference for a secular, democratic Palestine as the ultimate destination over the two-state proposal of the first stage "moderates" also uncovers the sham of his posturing as a Gandhi or King. Given all this, the backing of Awad by Morris Draper, the U.S. consul-general, borders on the farcical.

The pronouncement of East Jerusalem as a probable danger-zone for tourists was another under-the-belt blow. Minor as it may seem to be, there is a cumulative effect of this comment which is being felt.

Israel's dependence on America, and its special relationship, takes several forms. They include moral support, economic input, military procurement, global strategic backing, and are not one-directional. Nevertheless, this dependence does not exist in a vacuum. The stark message is that the house on Nablus Road may be the direct link to understanding what the new resident of the house on Pennsylvania Avenue will try to do a year from this January.

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## READERS' LETTERS

### WASTE OF MONEY

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*  
Sir, — Uri Ya'acov of the Jewish Agency Aliya Department (Letters — December 1) grossly distorts the effectiveness of *shlichim* when he tells you that between January and October 1987, 11,354 olim arrived in Israel and during this time, 71 full- and part-time aliya *shlichim* were operating abroad.

Most of the olim who arrived this year came from the Soviet Union and other countries that do not have the benefit of Agency *shlichim*. Most of the *shlichim* are stationed in North America where the average number of families that a *shaliach* sends to Israel each year can be counted on the fingers of one hand. And 70 to 80 per cent of the olim from North America are Orthodox who hardly need the services of a *shaliach* to motivate them.

Count the cost of transporting and maintaining a *shaliach* in North America for two years at 60,000 or 70,000 dollars. Remember that many, if not most, of the olim from North America eventually leave. Consider that this has been going on for many decades, and the mind boggles at the exorbitant waste of gift dollars represented by the aliya *shlichim* in North America.

JESSE ZEL LURIE  
Lake Worth, Florida.

### DULZIN AD

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*  
Sir, — Gideon Weigen's comment on December 24, regarding a full-page ad in *The Post* publicizing the speech given by Mr. Arye Dulzin at the recent 31st Zionist Congress is misleading. Neither the World Zionist Organization or the Jewish Agency for Israel were sponsors of the ad in question, nor did they pay for it.

YORAM DORI  
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Jerusalem.

### SHARON IS VICTIM, NOT VILLAIN

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*  
Sir, — Arik Sharon's new residence in the Old City of Jerusalem is a microcosm of Israel today.

A Jew buys a house. He does nothing to bother his neighbours, who are Arabs. The police/army spends time/money protecting the Jew from attack by his Arab neighbours. The Jew is then told that he shouldn't be there anyway and is wasting the country's resources.

This claim is regularly levelled against "settlers" in Hebron, "fanatics" in Nablus and "zealots" in Gaza.

Now, however, we have reached the pinnacle of absurdity. An Israeli cabinet minister, wishing to live in Israel's capital, requires nearly 300 soldiers/police in order to throw a house-warming party without being fire-bombed by his neighbours. He is then vilified for placing a drain on the security forces.

Mr. Sharon is the victim, not the villain. The real problem is that 100,000 Arabs who do not recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital live in this city; that some of them stone Jewish cars and buses in Salah a-Din Street, next to the Jerusalem District Court; that Jews cannot visit the Arab market without looking behind their backs to see if someone isn't about to stab them, whereas Arabs can go where they please.

The real problem is that Mr. Sharon requires protection at all.

RABBI DAVID BAR-HAYIM  
Jerusalem.

### RABBI SCHINDLER

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*  
Sir, — Rabbi Alexander Schindler, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, has urged Israel to "end the status quo on the West Bank and Gaza Strip," because it "corrodes the Jewish and democratic character of the state" (December 23).

If Rabbi Schindler is so perturbed about the character of our state, why doesn't he come and participate in its Jewish and democratic processes? How true and comfortable for him to sit in his ark and wax philosophical on how we should

### HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*  
Sir, — Kol hakavod to Robert Rosenberg and his human interest story of December 11 on our aspiring gold-medal boxing contender in the upcoming Olympics, Robert Popino.

However, we were surprised to read the claim that no one came to Popino's aid. He came to AAI in a down and out situation and not only did we give him badly needed emergency funds, but we also found him several concrete alternative offers for temporary housing, i.e., a kibbutz, an absorption facility and a private home.

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